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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/12<sup>th</sup> BN

1941 7 - 1941

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Commanding Officer LT COL FIELD

Month and Year SEPT.

(Erase heading not required).

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
KILD 09	1	1800	ALL COYS ENGAGED IN INSPECTIONS AND DRILL	Q
	2	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	3	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	4	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	5	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	6	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	7	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	8	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	9	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	10	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	11	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	12	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	13	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	14	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q
	15	1800	" " " " " " " "	Q

LEAVE CAIRO 6 DAYS  
TEL AVIV JERUSALEM  
AND PALESTINE TOURS

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/12 BN

Commanding Officer LT-COL J FIELD

Month and Year SEPT

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
<u>RAS BALBECK</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>COYS ENGAGED IN DRILL AND EXERCISES (LEAVE</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>17</u>	.	<u>do</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>18</u>	.	<u>do</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>19</u>	.	<u>ADVANCE GD LEFT MILO 89 EN ROUTE TO RAS BALBECK</u>	<u>Q</u>
			<u>SYRIA ARRIVED BEY ROUTH 1700 HRS</u>	
	<u>20</u>	.	<u>ADVANCE GD LEFT BEY ROUTH 0700 HRS AND ARRIVED</u>	<u>Q</u>
			<u>RAS BALBECK 1300 HRS. JOINED LEICESTERSHIRE REAR GUARD</u>	
			<u>IN CHURCH COMPOUND</u>	
	<u>21</u>	.	<u>BN MINUS REAR GD AND BAGGAGE PARTY MOVED FROM</u>	<u>Q</u>
			<u>MILO 89 (TRUCK CONVOY)</u>	
	<u>22</u>		<u>BN STILL ON ROAD CONVOY</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>23</u>		<u>do</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>24</u>		<u>BN ARRIVED RAS BALBECK 1500 HRS.</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>25</u>		<u>BN ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTING CAMP</u>	<u>Q</u>
	<u>26</u>		<u>do</u>	<u>Q</u>



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

..... (Unit.) For Week Ending 6.9.41

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains ... ..	5		4
	Lieutenants ... ..	23	4	
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

**PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Hart, C. H. S.	A.I.F.	6.9.41	Moved to 23 Reinforce- ment for Shing Camp Hunnings.
Lieut	Skinner, R. C.	✓	✓	✓

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1			TX 2002	Field, J. CO	A I F	✓		
2								
3		Major	S21469	Woodall, NSW 2/40	A I F	NO		A. C. P. Cairo
4			TX 2012	Kempston, M. G. Coy Comdr	✓	✓		
5			TX 2013	Geard, C. J.	✓	✓		
6								
7		Capt	TX 2014	Bowmer, M. G. W. B. M.	✓	✓		
8		Capt	TX 2053	Fraser, C. H. E. Coy Comdr	✓	✓		
9			TX 2017	Swan, R. G.	✓	✓		
10			TX 2077	Kowayuk, J. J. S. Coy Comdr	✓	✓		
11			TX 3817	Kerr, C. S. Adjut	✓	✓		
12								
13		Lieut	TX 2029	MacKinnon, B. T. Pl Comdr	✓	✓		
14			TX 2019	Geason, W. J.	✓	✓		
15			TX 2016	Rafferty, R. A. J. D.	✓	✓		
16			TX 703	Wright, V. H. Pl Comdr	✓	✓		
17			TX 3704	Gilmore, J. G.	✓	✓		
18			TX 883	Thomas, K. B. Coy Comdr	✓	✓		
19			TX 882	Haupt, J. K. Coy Comdr	✓	✓		
20			TX 334	Murray, A. M. L. Pl Comdr	✓	✓		
21			TX 9548	Trunch, J. A. J. T. D.	✓	✓		
22			TX 6099	Burgess, J. A. 2/40	✓	✓		
23			TX 2070	Pisley, J. S. A.	✓	✓		
24			TX 3626	Craig, J. J. Pl Comdr	✓	✓		
25			TX 3082	Elphinstone, C. B.	✓	✓		
26			TX 2055	Jell, J. J.	✓	✓		
27			TX 145	Brown, K. R. Pl Comdr	✓	✓		
28			TX 1850	Cosper, A. R.	✓	✓		
29			TX 3502	Clarke, B. S.	✓	✓		
30			TX 2021	Groob, C.	✓	✓		
31			TX 12735	Griffiths, S. C.	✓	✓		
32			TX 2047	Russell, N. H.	✓	✓		
33			TX 2026	Hastings, C. W.	✓	✓		
34			TX 6031	Hart, C. A. S.	✓	✓		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
	TX 2029	Bradboussite, R.	A I F	8.12.39	R. M. O.
	TX 46890	Blake, W.	✓	24.5.41	padre

Adjut Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

9 - 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
18th Cent Inf Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/12<sup>th</sup> And 13<sup>th</sup> (Unit.) For Week Ending 13-9-41

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains ... ..	5		4
	Lieutenants ... ..	23	4	
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	32	4	4

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	
-1	Lt Col	Tx 2002	Field J. C.O.	A I F	Yes			
-3	Major	Sx 1468	Harold John 21/c	✓	No		A.O.D basis	
-4		Tx 2012	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	No		Leave basis	
-5		Tx 2013	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	Yes			
-7	Lt Col	Tx 2014	Baughman P. 9/c	✓	✓			
-8		Qx 6053	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-9		Tx 2017	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-10		Tx 2017	Kennedy P. 1/c	✓	No		Leave basis	
-11		Qx 3917	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	Yes			
-13		Tx 2029	MacKinnon P. 1/c	✓	Yes			
-14		Tx 2019	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-15		Tx 2016	Koffert P. 10	✓	✓			
-16		Tx 703	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-17		Qx 3704	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-18		Tx 883	Thomas L.B. 1/c	✓	No		Leave basis	
-19		Tx 882	Hunter P. 1/c	✓	Yes			
-20		Tx 3514	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-21		Vx 9548	Trinity P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-22		Qx 6097	Douglas P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-23		Tx 2070	Pisney P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-24		Qx 3635	Long P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-25		Tx 2082	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-26		Tx 2055	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-27		Tx 185	Brown P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-28		Tx 850	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-29		Qx 3502	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-30		Qx 2021	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-31		Qx 12735	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-32		Qx 2047	Russell P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-33		Qx 2026	Hodgins P. 1/c	✓	✓			
-34		Tx 6031	Hart P. 1/c	✓	✓			
		Tx 6040	Robertson P. 1/c	✓	✓			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt Col	Tx 2027	Baughman P.	A I F	8-12-39	RMO
Chaplain	Vx 46890	Blake J.	✓	24-5-41	Private

2/12/41  
14-9-41  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
18th Aust Eng Bn 7th  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/12 *Ans* *Ans* *Ans* (Unit.) For Week Ending *20-9-41*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
	Majors... ..	<i>3</i>		
	Captains ... ..	<i>4</i>		<i>5</i>
	Lieutenants ... ..	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	<i>29</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Swales A.F.</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>20/9/41</i>	<i>Admitted in form 18 ITC.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Kawonick F.E.B.</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>20/9/41</i>	<i>Transferred to 18 AITB</i>
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Ernest G.A.E.</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>15/9/41</i>	<i>Admitted 18 AITB</i>
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Thomas R.B.</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>20/9/41</i>	<i>Transferred to 18 AITB</i>
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Mackinnon A.H.</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>14/9/41</i>	<i>Admitted 18 AGH</i>

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Det. Lt.	Personnel No TX2002	Field J CO	AIF	No.		Leave & return
2								
3		Major	SX1468	Ronald Arthur 2/c	✓	Yes		
4			TX2012	Kenneth A. Lloyd	✓	Yes		
5			TX2013	Grant B.S.	✓	No		Adv Party
6								
7		Capt.	TX2014	Boucher M.W. & M	✓	Yes		
8			TX2017	Swain R.G. Capt	✓	No		Leave & return
9			QX6040	Cuthbert R.G.	✓	Yes		
10			QX3817	Griffiths B.S. Capt	✓	No		Leave & return
11								
12		Platoon	TX2019	Grason J.S. M.Land	✓	Yes		
13			TX2016	Kaffert R.A. 10	✓	Yes		
14			TX703	Burke O.A. M.Land	✓	No		Adv Party
15			QX3704	Ermore J.H.	✓	Yes		Adv Party
16			TX882	Leahy J.K. Capt	✓	Yes		
17			TX334	Murray A.M.L. M.Land	✓	No		Adv Party
18			VX9548	Trinick J.A.S. TO	✓	Yes		
19			QX6097	Douglas J.A. Capt	✓	Yes		
20			* QX3635	Braig J.L. M.Land	✓	No		Adv Party
21			TX2082	Elphinstone C.B.	✓	Yes		
22			TX2055	Sell J.T.	✓	Yes		
23			TX185	Brown H.R. M.Land	✓	No		Adv Party
24			TX850	Cooper S.H.	✓	No		Adv Party
25			QX3502	Clarke G.A.	✓	Yes		
26			QX2021	Green S.H.	✓	Yes		
27			QX12735	Griffiths S.H.	✓	Yes		
28			QX2047	Russell N.A.	✓	No		School
29			QX2026	Hockings J.W.	✓	Yes		School
30			TX6031	Hart G.S.	✓	Yes		
31			TX6040	Skinner R.A.	✓	Yes		
32								
33			* TX2070	Pisby G.H. Capt	✓	No		School
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Personnel No TX2027	Brambleton F	AIF	8-12-39	RMO
Chaplain	VX40890	Blake D		24-5-41	None

2/12<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn A.I.F. (Unit.)  
21-9-41 (Date of Despatch.)

18<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)  
[Signature of Commander.] (Signature of Commander.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/12 1st Aust Inf Bn AIF (Unit.) For Week Ending 27. 9. 41.

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains ... ..	5		+
	Lieutenants ...	21	2	
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ... ..	30	2	+

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Suppered 4115	AIF	22.9.41	from 18 A ITC
Lieut	Young 61		22.9.41	from 18 A ITC

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Donaldson J.H.	AIF	22.9.41	admitted to 1 A G 11

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	David Sh...	AIF	at present 18 A ITC
Lieut	Steady 4116		at present 18 A ITC

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	TX2002	Field J C.O	A I F	No		
2								
3		Major	511468	Amesbury 2/c		✓		
4			TX2012	Kempson M. Coyland		✓		
5			TX2013	Quade G. J.		✓		
6		Capt	TX2014	Boucher New B.M.		✓		
7			926026	Calverley M. M. Coyland		✓		
8			TX2017	Evans R. G.		✓		
9			826009	Becher A. J.		✓		
10			823817	Kirk G. J. Capt		✓		
11		Plint	TX2018	Long G. J. Coyland		✓		
12			TX2019	Harwood M. J. Coyland		No		18A17B- <sup>awards</sup> school
13			TX2016	Kaffery R. H. Coyland		No		do
14			TX703	Barrie O. A. Coyland		No		
15			823704	Wilson M. J. Coyland		✓		
16			TX882	Harvey F. H. Coyland		✓		
17			TX334	Thompson M. J. Coyland		✓		
18			VX9548	Linnick (H) T.O.		✓		
19			TX2070	Brookings R. H. Coyland		No		school
20			823635	Wainwright M. J. Coyland		No		
21			TX2082	Edwards G. J. Coyland		✓		
22			TX2055	Self J. J.		✓		
23			TX185	Brown G. J. Coyland		✓		
24			TX850	Boyer G. J.		✓		
25			823502	Black G. J.		No		18D17B <sup>awards</sup> school
26			822021	Evans G. J.		No		
27			8212735	Griffiths G. J. Coyland		No		do
28			822047	Wainwright M. J.		No		school
29			822026	Wainwright M. J.		No		school
30			TX6031	Stark G. J.		No		
31			TX6043	Skinner G. J.		✓		
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	TX2027	Wainwright G. J.	A I F	8-2-39	R.M.O.
Blatlain	VX16890	Blake G. J.		24-5-41	Private

2/c 3rd Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.  
(Unit.)  
28-9-41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
13 and 24th Div. 7 Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/12 Aust Ly Bde (Unit). 6 9 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	24		3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	51		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	590		73
<b>TOTALS</b>	672	*	81*

\* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A. A. P. C.		
1 Sgt 2 Gls 2 Ptes	A. A. O. C.		
1 Sgt 1 Gl 2 Ptes	A. A. M. C.		
1 Gl	A. A. Postal Coy		
1 Pte	Bde H Q		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER BANKS.**

2/12/13 (Unit). 13-9 1911 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3		2
Serjeants	23		4
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	59		2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	6134		39
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>706</b>	.	<b>47</b>

\* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AA PC		
1 Sgt 2 Cpls 2 P/Cs	AA OC		
1 Sgt 1 Cpl 1 P/C	AA MC		
1 Cpl	AA Postal Corps		
1 P/C	AA HQ		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).





**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/12 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 20 9 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	25		2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	56		5
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	656	3	1
TOTALS	748	3	8

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**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A A P.C.		
1 Sgt 2 Cpl 2 Plt	A A O.C.		
1 Sgt, Cpl, Plt	A A M.C.		
1 Cpl	A A Postal Corp.		
1 Plt	18 Bde HQ		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. ..																				
Butchers .. ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks .. ..																				
Cooks .. ..																				
Despatch Riders .. ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics .. ..																				
Drivers-Operators .. ..																				
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Equipment Repairers .. ..																				
Farriers .. ..																				
Fitters .. ..																				
Machine Gunners .. ..																				
Masons .. ..																				
Motor Mechanics .. ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) .. ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers .. ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers .. ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers .. ..																				
Storemen technical .. ..																				
Tailors .. ..																				
Wheelers .. ..																				
General duty personnel ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

2/12 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 21-9-41

*W. E. Keuplons* May  
Signature of Commander.

18 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*2/12 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit). *27 SEPT* 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	25		2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	56		5
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	637		16
TOTALS	728	.	25

\* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A. A. P. C.		
1 Sgt 2 Cpls 2 Ptes	A. A. O. C.		
1 Sgt 1 Cpl 1 Pte	A. A. M. C.		
1 Cpl	A. A. POSTAL CORPS		
1 Pte	18. Aust INF BDE HQ		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Storemen technical .. ..																				
Tailors .. ..																				
Wheelers .. ..																				
General duty personnel ..											1		1	2		5	16		25	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1		1	2		5	16		25	

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Unit.

Date of Despatch 28-9-41

*John Field A.C.*  
Signature of Commander.  
18 AUST INF BDE 7 DIV  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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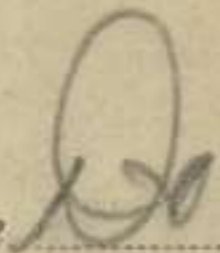
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<u>RAS BARLBEEK</u>	1	<u>Coys</u> <u>trng</u> and route marching. <u>Movement order</u> (verb) for <u>Adv. Party</u> to move at <u>0830 hrs</u> on <u>2 Oct. 41</u> from Bn. H.Q.		
" <u>RAS BARLBEEK</u>	2	<u>Adv. Party</u> left <u>RAS BARLBEEK</u> <u>0830 hrs (M.T.)</u> <u>Main Body</u> - <u>Coy trng.</u>		
<u>ALEPPO</u>	2	<u>Adv. Party</u> arrived <u>ALEPPO BARRACKS</u> <u>1800 hrs.</u>		
<u>ALEPPO</u>	3	<u>Adv. Party</u> engaged in checking equipment of <u>THE BORDER REGT</u> at <u>BARRACKS</u> and making recess. of base and <u>own</u> <u>posns</u> occupied by <u>CZECH 11 BN</u>		
<u>RAS BARLBEEK</u>		<u>Main Body</u> - <u>Coy trng.</u>		
<u>ALEPPO</u>	4	<u>Adv. Party</u> engaged in checking equipment of <u>THE BORDER REGT.</u> and making further recess. <u>frontier</u> <u>posns.</u>		
<u>RAS BARLBEEK</u>		<u>Main Body</u> - <u>Coy trng.</u>		

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<u>ALEPPO</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>Adv. party</u> engaged in taking over from <u>THE BORDER REGT.</u> all equipment <u>Scale</u> and in making further recess. <u>Frontier</u> posts. <u>ALL</u> equipment taken over.		
<u>RAS BAALBECK</u>		<u>Main Body</u> Movement order (Verbal) for <u>Main body</u> to proceed <u>RAS BAALBECK STA.</u> at <u>2130 hrs.</u> issued. at <u>1100 hrs.</u> <u>Main body</u> proceeds to <u>STA.</u> by <u>M.T.</u>		
<u>ALEPPO</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>Adv. Party</u> making preparations for reception of <u>Main Body.</u>		
<u>RAS BAALBECK</u>		<u>Main Body</u> leaves <u>RAS BAALBECK STA</u> at <u>0010 hrs</u> by rail.		
<u>ALEPPO</u>		<u>Main Body</u> arrives <u>ALEPPO BARRACKS</u> at <u>1230 hrs.</u> <u>Security Sq.</u> sent to <u>Herodrome</u> at <u>DJERAH</u> from <u>Main Body.</u>		
<u>ALEPPO.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>Coy</u> admin. details and <u>trng.</u> <u>Coy</u> comds. conference (General) Leave from <u>1700 hrs</u> to <u>2200 hrs.</u> to <u>ALEPPO.</u> <u>Bole</u> order (verbal)		

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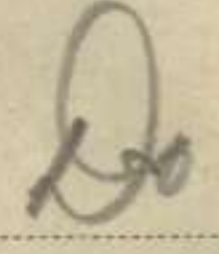
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<u>ALEPPO</u>	7	<p><u>TX 509 Pto KELLY T.P.</u>  <u>TX 4070 " MAXWELL T.M.</u> } <u>Killed</u></p> <p><u>Qx 2069 " Greenwood R.</u> <u>Injured.</u>  <u>in accident to Army Truck.</u></p>		
<u>ALEPPO</u>	8	<p><u>Lecture to Offrs. on Fed. Security (Capt. Clark)</u></p> <p><u>Lecture to all o/vs of 2/12 Bn on "SECURITY" (Lieut. Timson)</u></p> <p><u>Coy Comds go on recce of Frontier posts</u></p> <p><u>Leave fw all tps who did not have same previous night</u></p> <p><u>Coy Comds conference.</u></p> <p><u>Coy try.</u></p>		
<u>ALEPPO</u>	9	<p><u>Coys moved to Frontier posts</u></p> <p>A Coy at 0700 hrs. to DJERBLOUS</p> <p>B Coy " 0830 hrs. " AZAZ</p> <p>C Coy " 0900 hrs " IDLIB</p> <p>D Coy " 0945 hrs " RADJOU</p> <p><u>Ref Maps</u></p>	<p>Op. Order No. 2</p> <p>" " 4</p> <p>" " 3</p> <p>" " 5</p> <p>All of 8.10.41.</p>	<p>Signature </p>

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1. DJERBLOUS  
2. ALEPPO  
3. ANTIOCH

4. ANTIOCH  
5. HOME  
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<u>ALEPPO</u>	<u>9</u>	<p><u>A Coy</u> rept. "<u>BUNYIP</u>" <u>1400 hrs</u></p> <p><u>B Coy</u> " " <u>1430 hrs</u></p> <p><u>C Coy</u> " " <u>1400 hrs</u></p> <p><u>D Coy</u> " " will be completed by <u>0900 hrs</u> on <u>10 Oct. 41.</u></p> <p><u>CZECHS</u> rept. following Coys of <u>11 Czech Bn</u> rept. <u>Bn HQ ALEPPO</u> <u>Novodvome</u> after having been relieved by <u>2/12 BN</u> :-  <u>B Coy</u>  <u>C Coy</u>  <u>D Coy</u> less 1 pl</p> <p><u>Adv. Party 2/10 BN.</u> arrived <u>BARRACKS</u> at <u>1100 hrs.</u></p>		
	<u>10</u>	<p>c/o visited Coy post at <u>DJERABLOUS</u></p> <p>Report from <u>B Coy (AZAZ)</u> on situation there and at posts.</p>		<p>Signature <u>[Signature]</u></p>



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<u>ALEPPO</u>	10	Message from C Coy that party of 32 (inc. some Austs) at <u>BAB EI HAOUA</u> having come out prisoner and waiting at our post here		
	10	Above party arrived at <u>BARRACKS</u> at 2000 hrs and were accommodated for night. B'de and 7SS informed		
	10	Nothing to report from A and D Coys on situation. D Coy reports inspection by Brigadier of Coy post. Leave party from 2/9 BN arrived <u>BARRACKS</u>		
	11	7SS and B'de I.O. interrogate party from <u>TURKEY</u> Report from B Coy on situation <u>AZAZ-EL HAMMAM-ARTERINE</u> Area for period 1900 hrs 9. 10. 41 - 0900 hrs 11. 10. 41		

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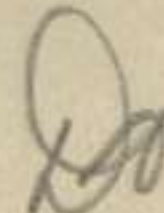
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<u>ALEPPO</u>	<u>12</u>	C.O. and I.O. made recce of D Coy area at <u>RADJOU</u> . Coys engaged on Gd duties and weapon try at respective posts. Leave ply of 9 Bn arrives <u>BARRACKS</u>		
	<u>13</u>	Adv ply leaves <u>BARRACKS</u> for new camp area at <u>ALEPPO AERODROME</u> Adv ply 2/10 Bn arrives <u>BARRACKS</u> from Aerodrome Leave ply of 9 Bn leaves <u>BARRACKS</u> for <u>IDLIB</u>		
	<u>14</u>	Main body arrives from <u>BARRACKS</u> Main body 11 CZECH Bn moves out of <u>ALEPPO DROME</u> Coys engaged in Gd. Duties at posts. C.O. visited AZAZ Coy area		
	<u>15</u>	C.O. preparing to proceed to School in Cairo 1st Coy engaged in admin. duties Coys engaged in post duties		

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ALEPPO	16	C.O. proceeds to school - CAIRO Maja ARNOLD 1st Lt. C.O. Leave to limited personnel until 2200 hrs to ALEPPO Coy's engaged in frontier duties		
	17	Following personnel rets. from Schools Lieut. Hooper C.W. " Russell N.H. Capt P. Brantworth rets. from Convalescent Depot Beirut.		
	18	C.O. visits AZAZ area		
	19	Report from B Coy that EI HAMAMM frontier closed Ook Coy + Bde notified Report from C Coy that BAB EL HOVAA frontier closed		Signature 

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ALEPPO	19	Other Coys report situation normal No further developments during the day		
	20	Bde report that inf. stormed post at MEIDANE EKRES ARTERINE and ALPZ closed and all Coys were immediately alerted to post was immediate report on situation A and D report situation normal B Coy that only post affected was EL HAMMAM C Coy that BABEL HOUD was unoccupied. Bde informed. At 1715 C Coy rep. "lot of Turks with MMGS were across frontier at EL HARIM Bde advised		

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ALEPPO	20	CO visiting post DTERABLOUS and AZAZ		
	21	Blay arrives Coy HQ changed to new buildings at AZAZ		
	21	All Coys advise situation normal		
	21	Blay arrives EL HAMMAM forward open		
	21	C Coy arrives BAR EL HAOUA forward open		
	21	Bee informed		
	21	Heavy rain fell last night and early this morning. Cloud up towards midday.		
	22	Bee instructed to make arrangements for immediate protection of bags & tunnels KATMA area		

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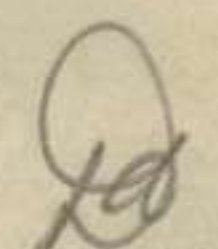
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ALEPPO	22	PI from DJERAH DROME sent to new posns. Instructed to report to B Coy ALAZ. med which tomorrow PI would be (Tank Hunter PI)  Carrier PI sent to another dome		
	23	Motor PI sent to ALAZ area med. B Coy G.O. left Birming for DJERABLOUS for rec of EUPHRATES		
	23			
	24	① Lieut. <del>CARRYKE</del> STEDDY } Arrived ② " " REID } from ③ " " GREEN } Base  ④ Posted to Carrier PI ⑤ " " B Coy ⑥ " " Sig PI.  all troops engaged in Coy long + frontier duties.		

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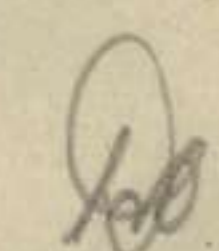
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DTERABLOVS	24	Rece of EUPHRATES river from DTERABLOVS to MESKENE commenced. Lieut. GROVES Sgt. BURNABY, Sgt. LAWLOR, L/Cpl. GROOM and Subaltern comprised party which left by motor boat		
ALEPPO	2	Major Kemplon to hospital " Good back from Aleppo as 2 1/2. Nothing to report from Coy and		
	25	Coy engaged in frontier duties		
MESKENE	26	Completion of river party's recon of EUPHRATES. arrived at MESKENE 1630 hrs.		Signature 

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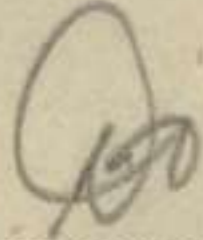
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ALEPPO	26	Camps on frontier quiet		
"	27	① Lt. CLARKE } arrived from ② " GRIFFITHS } Base  ③ Posted to Mulla Pt ④ " " C Coy		
"		Recd party from EUPHRATES arrived base at AERODROME		
"	28	Adv. posted from Camp arrive at and move in anticipation of his impending move to IDLIB Camps report frontier quiet		
"	29	Adv. party from Br moved out to IDLIB on recd		Signature 



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ALEPPO		All normal on frontier		
"	30	Recd report of EUPHROTES completed and fwd. to Bde  Rain fell today - approx 1/2 inch to noon. Sky still overcast.	Vide recd report herewith	
NOV 1.	31	COYS MAKE ALL PREPARATIONS TO MOVE TO IDLIB AREA. BN H.Q. H.Q. COY MOVED TO IDLIB. COYS MOVING INDEPENDENTLY. D. COY. SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 2 NOV 41.	ADMIN INST. No 3	

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Signature *D. J. ...*  
for 10. 2/12 BN.

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2/12 AUST. INF. BN.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

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8 Oct. 41

REF. MAP.           ALEP                   1:200,000  
                      DJERABLOUS               "       "

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

Enemy agents are known to be active throughout SYRIA and it is known that they pass through the TURKISH-SYRIAN frontier on various pretexts and in various disguises. They may be engaged in espionage or in fomenting discontent amongst the SYRIANS for the purpose of increasing the difficulties of the civil administration which is entirely in the hands of the Free French.

The acquisition of arms by disaffected elements in SYRIA is likely with a view to our disadvantage should favourable opportunities present themselves in the course of military operations at any time in the future. In view of past experience it is necessary to maintain a vigilant attitude against surprise measures which may be taken by the enemy and those of other nationalities who may work with him.

2. Own Troops.

One Coy. 11 Cz. S. 23 Bde. is located at DJERABLOUS on security duties.  
Comd.           Staff Capt. Borsky.

3. Intelligence.

The attached notes on a recent recce. in the area will be studied.

INTENTION.

4. "A" Coy. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. with attached personnel from Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. will relieve detachment 11 Cz. S on 9 Oct. 41.

METHOD.

5. (a) Troops.           Det. Comd.           Lieut. C.H. Ivey.  
  (Major C.J. Geard will assume command on rejoining Unit)  
  "A" Coy. (on detachment)  
  with attached personnel u/c  
  3 Sigs. 1 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
  2 cooks 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
  4 drivers Tp. Sec. 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
  1 O.R. "I" Sec. Bn. H.Q.  
  2 S.Bs. S.B. Sec. Bn. H.Q.

(b) Tasks.

Frontier Control.

To assist the Civil Administration with Frontier Control and to maintain security measures at DJERABLOUS by

- (i) Maintaining a guard and sentry at the place where rep. of Surete General checks passports and examine baggage etc.  
 (ii) Patrolling the frontier on both sides of the R. EUPHRATES in the vicinity of DJERABLOUS.

The sentry will ensure that all travellers across the frontier are examined by the Surete and the Douane, i.e. that both their passports and their baggage are thoroughly checked.

The sentry will not himself examine travellers or their baggage, except BRITISH personnel.

Should the sentry consider that the Surete or Douane are not examining travellers correctly he will NOT himself take any action other than making a full report through the usual channels to the Coy. Comdr. This report giving full details will be sent to Bn. H.Q. at the earliest possible time.

British and Australian personnel of all ranks visiting the area will always be stopped and asked for identity cards or A.Bs.64. Should the post or surete and customs officials be attacked the Det. Comdr., guards, sentries etc. will take action, informing Bn. H.Q. immediately.

Each sentry will be in possession of written orders signed by the Det. Comd.

Personnel of the detachment will maintain friendly relations with all French officials and will assist them in their work of passport and contraband control. They will also assist reps. of the French special service (F.S.S.) when they are stationed at the post.

#### Turkish Relations.

The detachment will be particularly careful to maintain a correct attitude towards any TURKISH troops or officials with whom they may come in contact.

Under no circumstances will Australian personnel cross the Frontier. Apart from this it is most important that friendly advances on the part of TURKISH troops will NOT be discouraged.

#### Intelligence.

The Det. Comdr. will prepare a daily "I" report to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. as early as possible on,

Roads and tracks and topographical features examined.

Type and quantity of tpt. passing.

Direction of tpt. movement.

Nature of loading.

Information gained on local personalities and any other items of military interest.

#### P.A.D.

Detachment will prepare a scheme for and maintain normal P.A.D. measures. Slits will be dug and tpt dispersed with full regard to its security.

#### Discipline.

In view of the Detachments proximity to the Frontier and with regard to the influence on the local population in respect to internal security, a high standard of discipline, smartness and general turnout will be maintained. Guards and sentries will be mounted in accordance with ceremonial procedure and training carried on in the vicinity of the post.

ADMINISTRATION.

6. Administrative instructions for the move to DJERABLOUS issued separately.
7. Rations and Water. Instructions separately.
8. Transport. Detachment will have the following vehicles:-  
P.U. for Det. Comd.  
3 Pl. Trucks
9. R.A.P. S.Bs. will render first aid. Evacuation by Pl. trucks to R.A.P. at Bn. H.Q. Serious cases by ambulance as called for by Det. Comd. to Bn. H.Q. when necessary. Anti-malarial measures will be strictly enforced at all times.

INTERCOMV.

10. Bn. H.Q. closes at Cavalry Barracks ALEPPO at 1200 hrs. 14 Oct. Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP CIVIL Thereafter at DERAB AERODROME, ALEPPO until further notice, Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP CIVIL
11. Relief complete will be phoned through to Bn. H.Q. by the code word "BUNYIP"
12. Code word for "A" Coy. "GEARCO"

ACK.

*Bankier*  
Capt.  
Adj. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Signed at .....<sup>1300</sup>..... hrs.

Issued by .....

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 3

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8 Oct. 41

REF. MAP	ALEP	1:200,000
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INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

Enemy agents are known to be active throughout SYRIA and it is known that they pass through the TURKISH-SYRIAN frontier on various pretexts and in various disguises.

They may be engaged in espionage or in fomenting discontent amongst the SYRIANS for the purpose of increasing the difficulties of the civil administration which is entirely in the hands of the Free French.

The acquisition of arms by disaffected elements in SYRIA is likely with a view to our disadvantage should favourable opportunities present themselves in the course of military operations at any time in the future.

In view of past experience it is necessary to maintain a vigilant attitude against surprise measures which may be taken by the enemy and those of other nationalities who may work with ~~him~~ him.

2. Own troops.

B Coy. 11 Cz. S. 23 Bde. have one Coy. disposed as follows.

Coy. H.Q. and a half Pl.	IDLIB (235442)
One Pl.	QEHAYE (207442)
One Pl.	EL HARIM (225474)
Half Pl.	BAB EL HAOUA (244473)

3. Intelligence.

The attached notes on a recent recon. of the localities referred to in Para. 2 will be studied.

INTENTION.

4. "C" Coy. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. with attached personnel from Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. will relieve "B" Coy. 11 Cz. S on 9 Oct. 41.

METHOD.

5. (a) Troops.

Det. Comd. Capt. K.A.J. Gategood  
 "C" Coy. (on detachment)  
 with attached personnel u/c  
 3 sigs. 1 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
 2 cooks 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
 4 drivers Tp. Sec. 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
 1 O.R. "I" Sec. Bn. H.Q.  
 2 S.Bs. S.B. Sec. Bn. H.Q.

(b) Disposal.

Coy. H.Q. and 1 Sec.	IDLIB
One Pl.	QEHAYE
One Pl.	EL HARIM
One Pl. (less 1 sec.)	BAB EL HAOUA

(c) Tasks

Frontier Control. To assist the Civil Administration with Frontier area control and to maintain security measures in the localities named, by

- (i) Maintaining guards and sentries at posts where rep. of Surete General checks passports and examines baggage etc.
- (ii) Where situated on the Frontier to patrol same in immediate vicinity of posts.

In the case of each post where a guard is established the sentry will ensure that all travellers across the frontier are examined by the Surete and the Douane, i.e. that both their passports and their baggage are thoroughly checked. The sentry will not himself examine travellers or their baggage, except BRITISH personnel.

Should the sentry consider that the Surete or Douane are not examining travellers correctly he will NOT himself take any action other than making a full report through the usual channels to the Pl. Comdr. This report giving full details will be sent through Coy. H.Q. to Bn. H.Q. at the earliest possible opportunity.

British and Australian personnel of all ranks visiting the area will always be stopped and asked for identity cards or A.Bs.64.

Should the post or Surete and customs officials be attacked the Pl. Comd., guards, sentries etc. will take action, informing Bn. H.Q. immediately through the usual channels. Each sentry will be in possession of written orders signed by the Pl. Comd.

Personnel of the detachment will maintain friendly relations with all French officials and will assist them in their work of passport and contraband control. They will also assist reps. of the French Special Service (F.S.S.) when they are stationed at the posts.

The minimum strength of guards will be as follows,

QEHAYE	By day	1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rs.
	By night	1 N.C.O. 6 O.Rs.
EL HARIH	By day	1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rs.
	By night	1 N.C.O. 6 O.Rs.

These guards will be maintained at the SURETE posts. One sentry will be awake, alert and on duty at all times. Guards of this minimum strength will be maintained in the case of other detachments.

Turkish Relations.

The detachment will be particularly careful to maintain a correct attitude towards any TURKISH troops or officials with whom they may come in contact.

Under no circumstances will Australian personnel cross the Frontier.

Apart from this it is most important that friendly advances on the part of TURKISH troops will not be discouraged.

Intelligence.

The Det. Comdr. will prepare a daily "I" report to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. as early as possible on,

- Roads and tracks and topographical features examined.
- Type and quantity of tpt. passing.
- Direction of Tpt. movement
- Nature of loading

3.

Information gained on local personalities and any other items of military interest.

P.A.D.

The post guards will prepare a scheme for and maintain normal P.A.D. measures. Slits will be dug and tpt. dispersed with full regard to its security.

Discipline.

In view of the Detachment's proximity to the Frontier and with regard to the influence on the local population in respect to internal security a high standard of discipline, smartness and general turnout will be maintained. Guards and sentries will be mounted in accordance with ceremonial procedure and training carried on in the vicinity of the posts.

ADMINISTRATION.

- 6. Administrative instructions for the move to the localities is issued separately.
- 7. Rations and Water. Instructions separately.
- 8. Transport. Detachments will take the following vehicles,  
P.U. for Det. Comd.  
3 Pl. Trucks.
- 9. R.A.P. S.Bs. will render first aid, Evacuation by Pl. truck to R.A.P. at Bn. H.Q. Serious cases by ambulance as called for by Det. Comd. to Bn. H.Q. when necessary. Anti malarial measures will be strictly enforced at all times.

INTERCOMN.

- 10. Bn. H.Q. closes at Cavalry Barracks, ALEPPO at 1200 hrs. 14 Oct. Phone No. 1330 or 1333. ALEP CIVIL Thereafter at DERAB AERODROME, ALEPPO until further notice, Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP. CIVIL
- 11. Relief complete will be phoned through to Bn. H.Q. by the code name "BUNYIP".
- 12. Code name for "C" Coy. "GATECO".

ACK.

*Whitaker*

Capt.

Adj. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Signed at 15.30 hrs.

Issued by .....

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Operation Instruction No. 4

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INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

Enemy agents are known to be active throughout SYRIA and it is known that they pass through the TURKISH - SYRIAN frontier on various pretexts and in various disguises. They may be engaged in espionage or in fomenting discontent amongst the SYRIANS for the purpose of increasing the difficulties of the civil administration which is entirely in the hands of the Free French. The acquisition of arms by disaffected elements in SYRIA is likely with a view to our disadvantage should favourable opportunities present themselves in the course of military operations at any time in the future. In view of past experience it is necessary to maintain a vigilant attitude against surprise measures which may be taken by the enemy and those of other nationalities who may work with him.

2. Own Troops.

D Coy. 11 Cz. S Bn. 23 Bde. have one Coy. disposed as follows,  
Coy. H.Q. & One Pl. (less one sec.)                      AZAZ (273514)  
One Pl.    EL HAMMAM (232491)  
One Sec.    AKTERINE (298507)  
One Pl.    MEIDANE EKBES (240541)  
Comd.                      Capt. Podhajsky.

3. Intelligence.

The attached notes on a recent recon. of the localities referred to in Para 2 will be studied.

INTENTION.

4. "B" Coy. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. (less one Pl.) with attached personnel from Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. will relieve "D" Coy. 11 Cz. S on 9 Oct. 41  
One Pl. D Coy. 11 Cz. Z at MEIDANE EKBES will be relieved by one Pl. D Coy. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

METHOD.

5. (a) Troops.

Det. Comd.                      Capt. A.G. Suthers  
B Coy. (on detachment) less one Pl.  
with attached personnel u/c  
3 sigs. 1 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
2 cooks 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
4 drivers Tp. Sec. 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
1 O.R. "I" Sec. Bn. H.Q.  
2 S.Bs. S.B. Sec. Bn. H.Q.

(b) Disposal

Coy. H.Q. & 1 Sec.    AZAZ  
One Pl.    EL HAMMAM  
One Pl. (less 1 Sec.)    AKTERINE



(c) Tasks.

Frontier Control. To assist the Civil Administration with Frontier area control and to maintain security measures in the localities named, by,

- (i) Maintaining guards and sentries at posts where rep. of Surete General checks passports and examines baggage etc.
- (ii) Where situated on the Frontier by patrolling same in immediate vicinity of posts.

In the case of each post where a guard is established the sentry will ensure that all travellers across the frontier are examined by the Surete and the Douane, i.e. that both their passports and their baggage are thoroughly checked.

The sentry will not himself examine travellers or their baggage, except BRITISH personnel.

Should the sentry consider that the Surete or Douane are not examining travellers correctly he will NOT himself take any action other than making a full report through the usual channels to the Pl. Comd. This report giving full details will be sent through Coy. H.Q. to Bn. H.Q. at the earliest possible opportunity.

British and Australian personnel of all ranks visiting the area will always be stopped and asked for identity cards or A.Bs.64.

Should the post or Surete and customs officials be attacked the Pl. Comd., guards, sentries etc. will take action, informing Bn. H.Q. immediately through the usual channels.

Each sentry will be in possession of written orders signed by the Pl. Comd.

Personnel of the detachment will maintain friendly relations with all French officials and will assist them in their work of passport and contraband control. They will also assist reps. of the French Special Service (F.S.S.) when they are stationed at the posts.

The minimum strength of guards will be as follows

	By day		By night	
AZAZ	1 N.C.O.	3 O.Rs.	1 N.C.O.	5 O.Rs.
EL HAMMAM	"	"	"	"
AKTERINE	"	"	"	"

These guards will be maintained at the SURETE posts. One sentry will be awake, alert and on duty at all times.

Turkish Relations.

The detachment will be particularly careful to maintain a correct attitude towards any TURKISH troops or officials with whom they may come in contact.

Under no circumstances will Australian personnel cross the Frontier. Apart from this it is most important that friendly advances on the part of TURKISH troops will NOT be discouraged.

Intelligence.

The Det. Comdr. will prepare a daily "I" report to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. as early as possible on,

Roads and tracks and topographical features examined.

Type and quantity of tpt. passing.

Direction of tpt. movement

Nature of loading.

Information gained on local personalities and any other items of military interest.

P.A.D.

The post guards will prepare a scheme for and maintain normal P.A.D. measures. Slits will be dug and tpt. dispersed with full regard to its security.

Discipline.

In view of the Detachment's proximity to the Frontier and with regard to the influence on the local population in respect to internal security a high standard of discipline, smartness and general turnout will be maintained. Guards and sentries will be mounted in accordance with ceremonial procedure and training carried on in the vicinity of the posts.

ADMINISTRATION.

6. Administrative instructions for the move to the localities is issued separately.
7. Rations and water. Instructions separately.
8. Transport. Detachment will have the following vehicles.  
P.U. for Det. Comd.  
3 Pl. trucks.
9. R.A.P. S.Bs. will render first aid. Evacuation by Pl. truck to R.A.P. at Bn. H.Q. Serious cases by ambulance as called for by Det. Comd. to Bn. H.Q. when necessary.  
Anti malarial measures will be strictly enforced at all times.

INTERCOMN.

10. Bn. H.Q. closes at Cavalry Barracks, ALEPPO at 1200 hrs. 14 Oct.  
Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP Civil.  
Thereafter at DERAB AERODROME, ALEPPO until further notice,  
Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP Civil.
11. Relief complete will be phoned through to Bn. H.Q. by the code word "BUNYIP".
12. Code word for B Coy. "SUTHCO".

Signed at ..... hrs  
Issued by .....

*Smith*  
Capt.  
Adj. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 5

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INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

Enemy agents are known to be active throughout SYRIA and it is known that they pass through the TURKISH - SYRIAN frontier on various pretexts and in various disguises. They may be engaged in espionage or in fomenting discontent amongst the SYRIANS for the purpose of increasing the difficulties of the civil administration which is entirely in the hands of the Free French.

The acquisition of arms by disaffected elements in SYRIA is likely with a view to our disadvantage should favourable opportunities present themselves in the course of military operations at any time in the future. In view of past experience it is necessary to maintain a vigilant attitude against surprise measures which may be taken by the enemy and those of other nationalities who may work with him. Sabotage by enemy agents is possible in the MEIDANE EKBEES - RADJOU area at all times. It is also possible that points of vital importance such as tunnels and railway bridges might be attacked by parachutists at any times.

2. Own Troops.

11 Cz. S Bn. 23 Bde. have detachments disposed as follows,	
Coy. H.Q. and one Pl.	RADJOU (238525)
One Sec. (approx) (No. 1 Demolition)	Rly. TUNNEL (237536)
One Pl. (No. 2 Demolition)	RLY, VIADUCT (237534)
One Pl. (Less one sec. approx.)	
(No. 3 Demolition)	RLY. TUNNEL (237526)
One Pl.	MEIDANE EKBEES (240541)

These are disposed in connection with Frontier Control and the guarding of demolitions at the specified places.

Three O.Rs. of 2/9 Aust. Fd. Coy. are stationed at each demolition for technical duties in connection with custody of demolition and materials.

3. Intelligence.

The attached notes on a recent recon. of the localities referred to in Para 2 will be studied.

INTENTION.

4. "D" Coy. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. with one Pl. "B" Coy. u/c and with attached personnel from Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. will relieve troops of 11 Cz. S Bn. at localities referred to in Para 3, on 9 Oct. 41

METHOD.

5. (a) <u>Troops</u>	Det. Comd.	Capt. R.G. Swan
	D Coy. (on detachment)	
	One Pl. B Coy. u/a	

with attached personnel u/c

4 sigs. 1 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
 2 cooks 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
 5 drivers Tp. Sec. 6 Pl. H.Q. Coy.  
 1 O.R. "I" Sec. Bn. H.Q.  
 2 S.Bs. S.B. Sec. Bn. H.Q.

(b) Disposal

Coy. H.Q. & one Pl. B Coy.	RADJOU
2 N.C.Os. 12 O.Rs. (No. 1 Demolition)	RLY. TUNNEL
One Pl. (No. 2 Demolition)	RLY. VIADUCT
One Pl. (less 2 N.C.Os. 12 O.Rs.)	
(No. 3 Demolition)	RLY. TUNNEL
One Pl.	MEIDANE EKBES

(c) Tasks

Frontier Control. To assist the Civil Administration with Frontier area control and to maintain security measures in the localities named, by,

- (i) Maintaining guards and sentries at posts where rep. of Surete General checks passports and examines baggage etc.
- (ii) Where situated on the Frontier by patrolling same in immediate vicinity of posts.

In the case of each post where a guard is established the sentry will ensure that all travellers across the frontier are examined by the Surete and the Douane, i.e. that both their passports and their baggage are thoroughly checked.

The sentry will not himself examine travellers or their baggage, except BRITISH personnel.

Should the sentry consider that the Surete or Douane are not examining travellers correctly he will NOT himself take any action other than making a full report through the usual channels to the Pl. Comdr. This report giving full details will be sent through Coy. H.Q. to Bn. H.Q. at the earliest possible opportunity.

British and Australian personnel of all ranks visiting the area will always be stopped and asked for identity cards or A.Bs.64

Should the post or Surete and Customs officials be attacked the Pl. Comd., guards, sentries etc. will take action, informing Bn. H.Q. immediately through the usual channels.

Each sentry will be in possession of written orders signed by the Pl. Comd.

Personnel of the detachment will maintain friendly relations with all French officials and will assist them in their work of passport and contraband control. They will also assist reps. of the French Special Service (F.S.S.) when they are stationed at the posts.

The minimum strength of guards will be as follows,

	By day	By night
MEIDANE EKBES	1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rs.	1 N.C.O. 6 O.Rs.

This guard will be maintained at the SURETE posts. One sentry will be awake, alert and on duty at all times.

Turkish Relations.

The detachment will be particularly careful to maintain a correct attitude towards any TURKISH troops or officials with whom they may come in contact.

Under no circumstances will Australian personnel cross the Frontier. Apart from this it is most important that friendly advances on the part of TURKISH troops will NOT be discouraged.

Guarding of Demolitions.

Demolitions Nos. 1 & 3. Each will post at all times one sentry at each end of the tunnel. Two will be posted on top of the tunnel.

Demolition No. 2. Two sentries underneath the Viaduct where actual demolition has been prepared. One sentry will be posted at either end of the Viaduct.

Guards on demolition will NOT allow any person to enter the tunnels, to cross the viaduct, nor to approach the pylons of the Viaduct unless in uniform and personally known to the Det. Comd. Rly. Employees will only be allowed to go into the tunnels or to approach or cross the viaduct if in possession of a written pass in English or French. Such Rly. employees will be escorted by a member of the guard at all times.

Action at Demolitions if attacked.

A simple alarm signal will be devised at each demolition and procedure on alarm definitely set down in writing and communicated to all concerned. This alarm will operate in the event of either attack on any of the demolitions by parachutists or attempted sabotage. Each detachment will be in possession of written orders and written orders for sentries, copies of which will be sent to Bn. H.Q. forthwith.

In the event of an attack by parachutists in the vicinity of the demolitions the officer or N.C.O. commanding each post will order the R.A.E. representative to carry out the demolition forthwith. Written orders to this effect will be in possession of detachment commanders at each demolition.

The detachment guarding each demolition will be wired in to prevent parachutists etc. rushing posts. Fire trenches or sangars, according to the nature of the ground will be constructed for defence and positions for A.A. L.M.Gs. will be prepared.

Intelligence.

The Det. Comdr. will prepare a daily "I" report to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. as early as possible on,

Roads and tracks and topographical features examined.

Type and quantity of tpt. passing.

Direction of tpt. movement.

Nature of loading

Information gained on local personalities and any other items of military interest.

P.A.D.

The post guards will prepare a scheme for and maintain normal P.A.D. measures. Slits will be dug and tpt. dispersed with full regard to its security.

Discipline.

In view of the Detachment's proximity to the Frontier and with regard to the influence on the local population in respect to internal security a high standard of discipline, smartness and general turnout will be maintained. Guards and sentries will be mounted in accordance with ceremonial procedure and training carried on in the vicinity of the posts.

ADMINISTRATION.

6. Amn. Normal scales of amn. and weapons will accompany and the following reserves will be taken over.  
 Coy. H.Q. 3000 rds. .303  
 2 boxes grenades  
 Each detachment on demolition guard  
 2000 rds. .303  
 Box grenades  
 Pistols signal and cartridges, red, green, white (6 of each) will be in possession of dets.
7. Administrative instructions for the move to the localities is issued separately.
8. Rations and water. Instructions separately.
9. Transport. Detachments will have the following vehicles.  
 P.U. for Det. Comd.  
 4 Pl. trucks
10. R.A.P. S.Bs. will render first aid. Evacuation by Pl. truck to R.A.P. at Bn. H.Q. Serious cases by ambulance as called for by Det. Comdr. to Bn. H.Q. when necessary.  
 Anti-malarial measures will be strictly enforced at all times

INTERCOMN.

11. Bn. H.Q. closes at Cavalry Barracks, ALEPPO at 1200 hrs. 14 Oct. Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP Civil. Thereafter at DERAB AERODROME, ALEPPO until further notice. Phone No. 1330 or 1333 ALEP Civil.
12. Relief complete will be phoned through to Bn. H.Q. by the code word "BUNYIP".
13. Code word for D Coy. "SWANCO".

ACK.

*John Kirk*

Capt.

Adj. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Signed at ..... hrs.  
 Issued by .....

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2/12 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL ADVANCE PARTY INSTRUCTION No. 2.

5 October, 41.

1. INTRODUCTORY.

The 2/12 Aust Inf Bn less Advance Party, 6 officers 33 O.Rs. and "B" Coy., will be prepared to move by ~~2100~~ 2000 hours 5 Oct. 41.

2. DRESS.

Dress for move will be S.D., Gaiters, Felt Hats, Marching Order.

3. BLANKETS.

Blankets on scale of two per man will be rolled in Ground Sheets. These will be put in Coy. dumps at Coy H.Q. by 1600 hours. Rolls will be labelled with each man's name. One blanket per man will be carried in packs. Greatcoats on outside of pack.

4. BAGGAGE.

Officers valises and Baggage will be stacked at Coy H.Q. by 1600 hours.

5. PERSONNEL.

All personnel attached to Rifle Coys. from H.Q. Coy. e.g. drivers, cooks, signallers, will return to H.Q. Coy. by 1900 hours.

6. EQUIPMENT.

A.F. 3871 (4 copies) will be forwarded to Bde. T.O. for transfer of vehicles.  
Only personal equipment as brought will be taken. Mosquito nets will NOT be taken, but anti-mosquito cream (Dovers cream) will be carried by each man. All war equipment and accommodation stores taken over by 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. will be handed over.

7. REAR PARTIES.

No rear parties will be left. "B" Coy. rear party will move with "C" Coy.

8. RATIONS.

One days rations will be carried on the man. These will be issued to Coys. today 5 October, 41.

9. WATER BOTTLES.

These will be filled prior to the move.

10. AMMUNITION.

100 rounds will be carried on the man.

11. DUTIES.

The detached guard from "A" Coy. situated in HOMS will

be returned to "A" Coy. this afternoon by 2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. Guard will dismount at 1800 hours.

12. ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES.

Dover Cream will be applied to all exposed parts of the body.

13. MOVEMENT.

This will be in two stages.

- (a) March to RAS BAALBECK stn.
- (b) Movement by train to destination.

Order of March to Stn.

H.Q. Coy.  
A Coy.  
C Coy.  
D Coy.  
B.H.Q. and Band.

The Bn. will form in column of route in the above order at 2100 hrs.. Head of column to be at EAST corner of cemetery near B.H.Q. lines.  
O.C. train, Lieut. Col. J. Field.  
Entraining Officer, Lieut. F.K. Haupt.  
Composition of troops entraining is as follows:-

2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. less B Coy and Adv. Party  
H.Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.) H.Q.s. Group.  
11 Pl. H.Q. Guard )

O.C. H.Q.s. Group, Capt. W.H.S. Hall.

Composition of train unknown.

Time of departure of train - 0012 hrs. 6 October, 41.

Time of arrival destination - 1230 Hrs. 6 October, 41.

14. STATES.

Coys. will render to B.H.Q. by 1900 hours a movement state detailing the number of personnel moving out, set out as under:-

No. of Offrs.	W.O.11 & Sgts.	Cpls.	O.Rs.	Total
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15. DISCIPLINE.

It is important that troops maintain a high standard of discipline en route and at the destination. This must be impressed on all personnel.

16. MAPS.

Maps on issue will be returned to I Section by 1600 hours.

17. The movement will be known as "Vaseline" and the Unit Serial No. 2 (c) will be used in reference to it.

*W. M. Kirk*

Capt.  
Adj. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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SECRET.

2/12 Aust Inf. Bn.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

Copy. No. ....  
8 Oct. 41.

1. INTRODUCTORY. A.B.C. and D Coys and attached personnel as laid down in O.O. No.2. will move from Barracks on 9 Oct. 41. and will occupy frontier positions.
2. DRESS. Dress for move. Shirts, Shorts, Hose Tops, Hats. Marching Order. Smartness and Correctness in dress is to be impressed on all ranks.
3. MOVEMENT. A, B (less one Pl) and C Coys will move by M.T. D.Coy. (plus one Pl of B. Coy) will move by rail. See Appendix A for details. D. Coy. see Appendix B. by 1800 hrs 8 Oct.
4. LOADING OF VEHICLES. (a) Platoon trucks will be loaded with War Equipment with the following exceptions:-  
B. Coy. - One Section at AKTERINE and  
C. Coy. - " " " IDLIB  
These will move complete with ALL stores. (including W.E.) on 3 ton personnel vehicles  
(b) Where one section is detached (as in above cases) the Pl. trucks will be loaded with the balance of the Pl. W.E. and will proceed with the remaining two sections.  
(c) Personnel vehicles are allotted on the scale of one pers section and one for Coy H.Qs. All Officer's baggage, mdn's Kitbags, blankets and mosquito nets, packs will travel on personnel vehicles.
5. (d) 3 Pl. Vehicles of D Coy plus one from B. Coy will move independently loaded with W.E. Full details Appendix D. Coy. see Appendix B.
5. RATIONS. The unconsumed portion of days rations plus rations for the following day (fresh) and 3 days reserve rations (hard) will be carried. The issue of these will be notified to Coy 2 i/cs at conference which will be called by Q.M.
6. WATER. All water bottles must be filled before leaving. One water truck. will accompany C. Coy. This will remain with C. Coy and water will be drawn from BABEL HAOUA. Care should be taken that only tested water is used.
7. P.O.L. This will be delivered together with the rations which will go forward by M.T. except D. Coy which will be by rail.
8. ANTI MALARIA MEASURES. Strict supervision must be exercised with regard to these measures. If gloves and face nets are not taken over Coy Comdrs must ensure that liberal supplies of Dovers cream are on hand and that every man uses his issue frequently.

Attention is drawn to Appendix 111. "Prevention of Malaria" pamphlet re responsibilities of all Commanders.

*W. W. Smith*  
Capt.  
Adj. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix A to 2/12 Aust Inf Bn, Admin. Instr. No. 3

Speed and Density - R.A.S.C. Arrangements.

Movement Table.

Serial No.	Coy.	Number of Vehicles	Starting Point	Starting Time	Destination of Main Column	Route	Remarks
1.	A.	14		0600	DJERABLOUS	Czech Guide	Commander Lt. C.H. Ivey. 10 Personnel Carrying Vchs. 3 Pl. Vchs - O.C. Truck
2.	B. less one Pl.	10	JUNCTION OF BARRACK RD AND MAIN ROAD	0830	AZAZ	Main ALLEPO-AZAZ Rd.	O/C Capt. Suthers. 7 Personnel vchs. O/C. Truck 2 Pl. Vchs. On arrival at AZAZ and sec to AKTIRINE movement by Pl vchs. Sec. stores may require separate lift. (Track unsuitable for 3 tonners.) One Pl to EL HAMMAN. Personnel carrying vchs. to be used. One Pl. with D. Coy.
3.	C. Coy.	15		0900	IDLIB	Main ALLEPO-IDLIB Rd.	O/C Capt. Gategood 10 personnel vchs, 3 Pl vchs one water truck O/C truck. One Pl less one Sec will leave convoy at Rd Junction 259464 OUCOUM ES SORHRE and proceed to BAB EL HAOUA. Coy HQs one remaining sec to IDLIB One Pl to proceed to QAHAYE remaining Pl to proceed via rd. IDLIB - SALKINE -EL HARIM destination.

MOVEMENT OF D. COY PLUS ONE PL. OF B. COY.1 COMMAND.

One Pl. of B Coy comes under command D Coy at 0800 hrs. 9 Oct 41

2 Railmovement

- (a) O/C train party Lieut. P.K. Haupt
- (b) Personnel will travel by rail. The following stores will be accompanied;
- Officers baggage
  - Mens kit bags
  - Blankets & mosquito nets
  - Rations on scale laid down
- Men will wear all equipment including packs
- (c) The Company will be prepared to move by 0900 hrs.
- (d) One N.C.O. & 8 men will proceed with accompanied stores. Trucks will leave at 0900 hrs with these stores.
- (e) Personnel will be transported from Barracks to station. First party will move at 0945, remainder on return of trucks
- (f) Train departs 1140 hrs  
" arrives RADJOU " 1345 "
- (g) Return of train (information for Czechs)  
Departs RADJOU 1348 hrs 10 Oct 41  
Arrives ALEPPO 1742 " "

3 Road Movement

O/C road party Capt R.G. Swan  
Composition O/C, 5 truck  
3 D coy Pl. vehs.  
1 B " Pl. veh.

Loads Trucks will carry all W.T. and kitchen gear  
Starting time 0800 hrs  
Starting place Coy lines

It is essential that the road party arrives at RADJOU before the arrival of the train. Drivers will carry one offsider with them on the trip; B coy to supply its own offsider.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2/12 AUSTR. INF. BN.

15. OCT. 41.

DJERABLOUS.

MAP. DJERABLOUS.

This area is occupied A Coy. which is housed in buildings. There is one sub-unit post in A Coys area, at Ferry at 361537.

1. GENERAL.

A. 11. Oct. 41; Ibrahim Fazal of Aleppo approached Coy re-establishing Canteen. Produced recommendations from American Consuls. No permission given to establish Canteen until Coy. makes further inquiries locally and credentials checked in Aleppo by F.S.S.

B. 12 Oct. 41. Visit from Sqn. Comd. Prince Albert Victor's Own Regt. he stated his H.Q. at Tell Abiad.

C. Capt. The Marquis of Eley and Capt. Warrener of Public Relations Dept. arrived on way to Iraq.

C. 13 Oct. 41. Maj. Newton and Capt. Burston 9th. Div. Cav. called at Coy H.Q. with a number of personnel stated they are on a Recce. West of the Euphrates.

Bdr. Wooten, the Staff Capt. and Capt. Marshall visited Coy. Coy tasks and duties were discussed.

2. LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

Contacts made with the following local personalities.

A. Capt. Donyach S.S. Officer for Djerablous Arab Pounar and Membidj.

B. Chekjh Hamoudi - well known for his associations with Lawrence. Extremely Pro-British. Impression gained very glad to see British Troops in occupation of Frontier Posts. Not satisfied with attitude of own tribe or other Chekjs toward British.

C. Ali Hamoudi - son of Chekjh Hamoudi. Tries to use Father's reputation to gain favour with British. Likely to switch to gain own ends.

PATROLS.

11 October 1941. MOTOR PATROL.

START. TIME : 0845 hrs to 1730 hrs.

REF. MAP : DJERABLOUS

STRENGTH : Lieut. Brown, 1 "I" Sec, 1 Sgt, 14 o/rs.

TYPES OF TRUCKS: 1 Morris 15cwt, 1 Ford 15 cwt.

TOTAL MILEAGE : 71 Mls.

TIME TAKEN: 7 1/4 hrs.

REPORT: Patrol moved from Djerablous to Ferry at 361536. Distance 3 3/4 Mls. Patrol crossed Euphrates. Time taken for two trucks to cross 1 hr. 5". CONSTRUCTION OF FERRY: Constructed by 9 R.A.E.s and consists of two pontoons surmounted by a platform. It will carry a 15cwt truck but not considered safe for vehicles weighing more than 1 ton. Ferry is operated by hand-pulled rope. In wet weather river would be much wider and without very powerful motor operating ferry, crossing would be impossible. From Ferry crossing an unchartered track leads to CHIOUKH FAUGANI (363537). From this point there is a 4th class track to MICHKO (368543) via DARBAZINE ET TAHTANI - HAJJI ISMAIL, which is easily followed. From MICHKO patrol proceeded in general NE direction along track indicated on Map passing through QUARA KEUY - QOUALE - SOUZANA to TELL CHAIR (384551). Patrol proceeded to ARAB POONAR (387550). Here our presence created much interest. There is a lagoon here from which the river QUARAMOUH apparently rises. It is not marked on Map. The water is good.

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From AARAB POONAR patrol proceeded SW to MINASS (385547) then to SETTIRE (381541). From SETTIRE to QOIDINI (370530) track is very broken. At approx. 371542 there is a village HADAJENNE (Phonetic) which is not marked on Map. Patrol moved on to BADILI (372532) then turned SOUTH to GOUMLOUK (364529). From GOUMLOUK patrol proceeded to CHIOUKETT TAHTANI (364534). Patrol arrived at Ferry via CHIOUKH FAUGHNI and returned to DJERABLOUS.

REMARKS: Throughout recce the natives were most helpful in giving directions. Without their aid and WITHOUT A COMPASS movement would be very difficult, as there are no features on the map with which to orient oneself. Movement of vehicles would be extremely difficult under wet conditions.

11 Oct. 1941 PATROL (By foot)

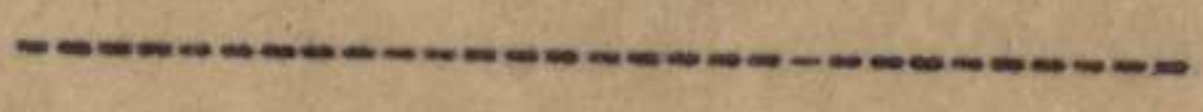
START TIME: 0830 hrs - to 1600 hrs.

REF MAP: DJERABLOUS

STRENGTH: 1 NCO and 7 o/rs.

ROUTE: From DJERABLOUS Patrol moved to 361537 (Ferry) - CHIOUKH FAUGHNI - DARBAZINE ET TAHTANI - HAJJI ISMAIL then WEST to river bank then SOUTH to Ferry to DJERABLOUS.

REMARKS: Natives contacted in villages appeared very friendly.



13 Oct 1941. MOTOR PATROL

START TIME: 0915 hrs - to 1630 hrs.

REF MAP: DJERABLOUS

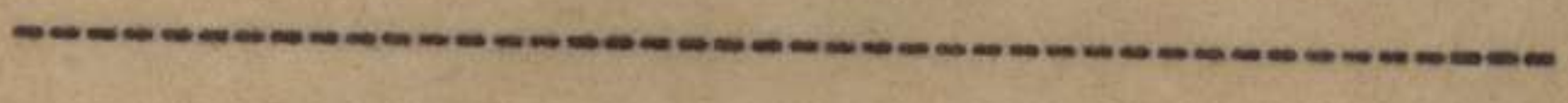
STRENGTH: Lieut Brown and 16 o/rs.

TYPES OF TRUCKS: Two 15 cwt trucks.

TOTAL MILEAGE: 106 1/2 Mls.

TIME: 7 1/4 hrs.

REPORT: Patrol moved from DJERABLOUS through KOKLIDJA-ZOGHARA to BOZHEUYUK (338531). From here Patrol proceeded WEST to SPAHILAR (332530). Latter is on a tributary of the EUPHRATES. There is a ford here, 20' wide and 10" deep, easy to negotiate by truck. The road between KADILAR and BAB ES SOLOUM is very rough. From here patrol proceeded to AYACHA (315524). TCHOBANE BEY STA. was the next halt. Station guarded by Turkish tps. No French Officials to be seen. No post for DOUANES observed either. The road follows the general line of the railway to the village at 309518 not as shown on Map. Road from village to KABBIRANE (314516) is impassable to M.T. Patrol made a detour moving through TOWEIRANE (309515) - ALLEDJI (312513) - MAZIDJI (316513) to ARAB TCHEORDOUK (318514). From this village patrol proceeded to SANDI (320514) Route not marked on map but actual road is directly from one village to the other and the surface is quite good. Patrol proceeded to HOU HEUYUK (329516) - MENBIDJ (354505), via DJAMOUS VIRANE (338513) and MEIDANE (348509). Occupants of villages quite friendly. Patrol then proceeded to DJERABLOUS. (At MENBIDJ the natives are not openly hostile but very sullen). Under wet conditions the whole of the route traversed would be impassable for vehicular traffic.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

15 Oct. 1941.

2/1? AUST. INF. BN.

REF. MAP - ALEP.

AZAZ AREA. This area is occupied by B Coy which is housed in a school building in the village. There are Subunit posts at AKTERINE; EL HAMMAM and a small frontier post at approx 6è 275518.

1. AZAZ. Population of 8/9 thousand Armenians and Moslems. Attitude friendly.

a. LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

KAYMAKAM of AZAZ appears to be popular and has been helpful to Coy HQ.

CAPT. FRANCOIS - Comd Free French (50 Cav. , 20 Inf). Attitude friendly.

b. Nothing to report from AZAZ village.

2. AKTERINE.

a. Natives friendly.

b. TRAFFIC. 10 Oct. 41. Italian diplomat and Staff (Sig. ENRICO ROMERO) passed through at 0700 hrs en route from BAGHDAD to ISTANBUL. TWO passenger trains - One Aleppo - Baghdad and One Baghdad Aleppo.

This post is too far from Frontier to observe activities there.

3. ELHAMMAM.

a. NATIVES Friendly

b. TURKISH frontier guard always gives cheery greeting to our troops.

c. GENDARMERIE always willing to assist our troops.

d. LOCAL PERSONALITIES. Attention directed to MONSIEUR MAURICE HAGGE O/C Turkish Passports at this post. Reported to be in league with man named SICCAL; interpreter attached to a British Offr. at AFRINE. SICCAL is said to have been a spy in the pay of Italian Govt.

GENERAL. TURKISH post at KIRIK KHANE reported to be occupied by an Arty. Regt. and Inf (Nos. not known). Post also reported to be heavily fortified. At BEILANE there is reported to be stronger post - strength not known. REHANIYE reported to be occupied by TWO Inf Bns. Also reported from this post that TURKS have called up the '24 and '25 classes for Mil. Tng.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2/L2 AUST. INF. BN.

15 OCT. 1941

REF MAP L'ATTAQUIE - HAMA  
REF MAP ANTIOCHE

IDLIB AREA This area is occupied by C Coy with Subunit posts at QAHAYE; ELHARIM; BAB EL HAQUA.

IDLIB: Nothing to report from IDLIB Village.

QAHAYE:

- Local population very friendly.
- Franciscan Monks the power in the village and extremely helpful to our troops.
- Very little movement of transport to and from the frontier hereabouts.

Nothing further to report.

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EL HARIM : Contact made by our troops and Capt. LAVARDE (French S.S.) with Turkish mounted Patrol on the Frontier. TURKS quite friendly and very young. Otherwise nothing to report.

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BAB EL HAQUA. 10 Oct. 1941. (GENERAL)

- At 1630 hrs 38 men arrived from Turkey and passed through this post; This was a mixed party of Australians, N. Zealanders Englishmen; Palestinians and Cypriots. One man of this party, ABDUL STEVE OMAR was detained at this post and subsequently handed over to escort from Bde.
- Normal traffic proceeds through this post to and from the Frontier and in all cases personnel were checked by the French authorities.

Nothing further to report.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2/12 AUST. INF. BN.

15 Oct. 1941.

REF MAP - ANTIOCHE.

RADJOU AREA This area is occupied by D Coy and has posts at MEIDANE EKBES, TUNNEL at 237536, TUNNEL at 237526; TUNNEL at 237527 and VIADUCT at 237534.

LOCAL PERSONALITIES : 1. The MARDIA (or head Mukhtar) of this district has been very helpful to Coy, is pro-British and should be a good source of information.

2. Reported on 14 Oct 1941 that our troops here suspicious of a Doctor named "EDWARDS". Such report was passed on to B'de yesterday.

MEIDANE EKBES 1. Reported from this post that local F.S.S. ~~that~~ in close personal contact with all inhabitants including Mukhtar who is very influential.

2. TURKISH Troops pass through this Station regularly on the trains; On 12 October approx 500 moved either NORTH or SOUTH. These troops appeared to be undernourished and poorly clothed.

VIADUCT POST 1. Small recce Patrol from this post visited TURKISH post opposite on 13 October. Our patrol took some foodstuffs along. The patrol spent TWO hours at the Turkish post but were not invited to come inside. Turks were most friendly. Rifles in first class order; Boots and uniforms in a very bad condition. Post commanded by 1 NCO and total strength of garrison was EIGHT. The NCO had a GREEN Square on his arm with TWO White stripes just above it. The foodstuffs were accepted very smartly.

2. The above mentioned TURKISH Post is almost directly opposite the VIADUCT Post - about 1 Mile away. A River marks the boundary line between TURKEY and SYRIA and the TURKISH post is approx 500 Yds from the River. It consists of a small cottage.

3. There is another TURKISH Post approx 2 Miles further to the NORTH of this one and similarly consists of a cottage. Both Posts fly the TURKISH Flag.

This Area was visited by Bdr WOOTEN.

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2/12 AUST. INF. BN.

18 OCTOBER 1941.

AREA DJERABLOUS

REF MAP DJERABLOUS.

GENERAL

- A. DJERABLOUS town has population of approx 5500 persons consisting of Syrians, Armenians, Turks and Arabs.
- B. ADMINISTRATION is in hands of SERVICE SPECIALE under comd of Capt. DONYACK who has under his command 50 Garde Mobile who patrol frontier and nearby villages. Destested by population. Have reputation of cruelty and brigandage. 1./ 2. SURETE GENERALE - Inspector and 2 I/C check passports etc. 3. DOUANES to check smuggling and contraband. 4. GENDARMERIE - 1 Lieut and 30 men to patrol district. 5. MUNICIPALITY POLICE - Keep law and order in village.
- C. RAILWAY STA. In Turkish territory. RAILWAY BR. Also in Turkish territory - Steel structure on concrete pylons carrying single track. Approx 200 yds. long. Guarded at both ends by Turkish troops. Turkish barracks holding at least One Coy at EASTERN end. Br prepared for demolition and considered dangerous to approach it.

VISITS

- A. Chef de Suréte visited Coy Hq and promised continuous help to our post in its work. From his manner gathered he was Anglophile.
- B. Major Knowles 11 Ind Cav Regt visited area and arrangements made for patrols from our post to contact his patrols.

Nothing to report from this area.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 2 (CONT).

AZAZ AREA

REF MAP ALEP  
REF MAP ANTIOCHE

AZAZ

1. Frontier post at 275518 ALEP Map very quiet and very little traffic moves through this post.

2. Turkish post opposite the above post on frontier. Strength: Approx 1 Offr and 30 o/rs Attitude: Friendly Equipment: Poor Rifles Out of date pattern marked "Berlin 1898".

AKTERINEN

French Officials at the Railway Sta. here carry out their duties efficiently. Nothing to report the locality being usually quiet.

EL HAMMAM

Area quiet. Recce made of a rd running from point at 234491 thence NORTH to letter "K" at 236496 thence across Mts to MEROUANE at 232497 thence NORTH to CHEIKH EL HADID at 233506 thence across Frontier to SOUDJI at 227505.

This rd is not marked on Map having been built by French in late 1940. Rd not controlled either by Turks or ourselves. Condition: Between C2 and C3 Informed by shepherds and villagers that rd open to anyone who cares to use it and that there was on an average of One automobile per day passed along it. Consideration being given to strengthening post in order to cover this rd. (Intelligence report hereon will be forwarded shortly) the above recce having been made by our troops in area).

HEALTH

Health of troops good.

Nothing further to report.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 2 (CONT).

IDLIB AREA

REF MAP L'ATTAQUIE HAMA.

REF MAP ANTIOCHE

1. SECURITY

Village of DER KOUCHE at 214449 Ref Map L'ATTAQUIE HAMA is pro-German. This village is approx 20 Kilos NE of post at Qehaye.

At post at EL HARIM O/C our troops there was approached by members of the BARMADA family who reside in the village and they requested him NOT to allow the people of the village to mix with his troops. Inquiries revealed that this family is proGerman and very wealthy and they sway the village people very easily. This family have also gathered money to send to IRAK, for what purpose is not known. They are being kept under surveillance for the present. The village people generally are on very good terms with our troops.

BAB EL HAOUA - nothing to report beyond traffic movement of sundry persons through the post. All of such persons being checked correctly by the French and Syrian authorities.

2. HEALTH

Health of troops good.

Nothing further to report.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 2. (CONT).

RADJOU AREA

REF MAP : ANTIOCHE.

1. SECURITY

DR EDWARDS referred to in the previous Intelligence Summary has since been arrested by the F.S.S. and conveyed to Aleppo. Suspicion still rests on certain other persons in the area and they are being watched. Since the above arrest the MARDIA of the district has been 'rather cool' towards our troops. Certain other persons on whom suspicion also dwelt have gone out of their way to assert their 'pro-British' leanings. Several of our troops have been invited to private homes in the district.

2. ROADS

Several showers of rain fell in this area on 15 Oct. making some of the roads very slippery between RADJOU and posts NORTH thereof. The only method of provisioning such posts during wet weather would be by rail.

3. HEALTH

Health of troops good.

4. WEATHER

Cold increasing. On 17 Oct light fall of snow on ranges over Frontier in Turkey and a light coating of snow remained until after midday.

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT; FROM THIS AREA

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3.

(Compiled from information received up to 0900 hrs 22 Oct 1941)

DIYRABLOUN AREA

REF MAP DIYRABLOUN SHEET.

1. GENERAL
- a. Frontier officials perform duties satisfactorily.
  - b. River RUPHRATHS rising steadily and has risen approx 1 Metre in last FOUR days.

2. FRONTIER INFORMATION

- a. Reported that Turkish Troops occupying area across frontier opposite ARAB POUHAR are digging an elaborate defensive system.
- b. Cordial relations exist between our troops at R'ly Sta at DIYRABLOUS and Turkish troops.

3. PATROLS Patrols are being sent out with the object of making contact with those sent out from 11 Ind Cav Regt at prearranged rendezvous. Report of first of such patrols is set forth:

Strength: 1 Offr and 19 o/rs  
Object: To make contact with recon patrol of 11 Ind Cav Regt at SPUR 410542.  
Distance Out - 43 Mls Return 44 Mls  
Time Approx 10 hrs  
ROUTES Out - From DIYRABLOUS to FERRY at 361537 to BIYALIYE - QUARA KEUY - ARAB POUHAR - HUZ TEP to SPUR.  
 Return - HUZ TEP - ASLANBACH - ARAB POUHAR TEL CHAIR - SHIPTAK - SALIB - BIYALIYE to FERRY to DIYRABLOUS.

*MOVEMENT BY 15 CWT TRUCKS*

CONDITION OF RD OUT Gravel road in good condition. Speed of 30 M.P.H. maintained for practically the whole distance.  
CONDITION OF RD IN Good gravel rd as far as TEL CHAIR but thenceforward the route was on a market track only. Patrol crossed numerous dry creek beds which would make this route impassable in wet weather.

REPORT Patrol contacted the patrol from 11 Ind Cav Regt at SPUR arranged. A Turkish Post at KUTCHUK HANELI Ref 411411 411544 was noticed in passing.

4. FERRY The Military Ferry at 361537 is in urgent need of repairs. Ropes also wearing thin and are likely to break especially when there is a fresh in the river. It is understood that 2/9 Pd Coy responsible for upkeep but inquiries made there indicate that the Ferry needs replacing. This ferry is a vital link in contacting forces EAST of RUPHRATHS.

AZAZ AREA      REF      ALFP      SHEET.  
REF      ANTIOCH SHEET.

1. GENERAL      Coy Hq and attached troops have now moved into buildings erected by the Engineers.  
LOCATION:      Left side of road as it enters AZAZ.

2. FRONTIER INFORMATION

a. Frontier Officials perform duties satisfactorily at AZAZ, ANTHERINE and EL HASSAN.

b. SAFT FRANCOIS S.S. Offr in this area has requested that our posts be instructed to pass personnel bearing letters to him from Turkey; such personnel would not be in possession of passes. This considered detrimental to security and posts have been instructed that such personnel would not be allowed to pass and that any such letters would be taken over by Surete rep. at post. An envelope of one of these letters is attached.

c. At 1230 hrs 19 Oct 41 post at EL HASSAN reported that Frontier closed by Turks. Remained closed until 21 Oct when reopened. Information just to hand is that Turkish President visiting area and Frontier posts closed for that reason. Post at EL HASSAN just reported that Two Turkish Offrs this morning advised them that large Turkish Patrols would be operating in that area on occasion of the visit of the Turkish President to NINAYE.

d. Other than the closing of the Frontier the posts in the above area report situation normal.

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KILIB AREA

REF ANTIQUNE FRONT

REF L'ATTARUIN - HAMA FRONT.

1. FRONTIER INFORMATION Frontier Officials performing duties satisfactorily; at all posts.

(a) BAN EL HAKIA This post reported frontier closed on 19 Oct 41. Exact position was obscure until 20 Oct when post reported Frontier open.

(b) EL HAKIM (i) On 18 Oct. our post observed One Bn Turks doing an exercise behind village of TNAINGA at 226476. O/C our post contacted LIXITHADAR (of the TURKS) who informed him that his men not in good health and were frequently being exchanged. Attitude - Friendly. O/C and soldiers were badly dressed - clothes well worn and patched.

(ii) At 1700 hrs 20 Oct information received of numerous Turks in tents which had been camouflaged with branches; just over Frontier at EL HAKIM. They were also said to possess many Machine Guns. Estimates could not be obtained. On investigation it was found the report had been made by SALIK WAFI of Aleppo to the Surete at El Hakim who then informed our post. This man had tried to cross Frontier at TNAINGA but was forbidden to cross anywhere between HAKIA 226476 and TNAINGA to Rd block at 226477.

(iii) At 1100 hrs 21 Oct One Troop Turkish Cav, 40 Pack Mules were observed resting 100 yds behind Rd Block at 226477. At 1700 hrs they were joined by ONE Bn Turkish Inf which marched from TNAINGA. Then both Inf and Cav moved in direction of YANI QASHIR leaving some sleeping gear behind.

(c) QURAYE (i) On 20 Oct O/C Post visited Turkish Frontier but found no Turkish Guards visible. He then proceeded to village of NATIA at 205445 where following information obtained from Bukhtar:- 1. That the border was closed on Turkish side. 2. That present strength of Turkish post was THREE men the remainder having gone to ANTIQUNE where a powerful "PACHA" was "holding Court". 3; That Turks of ages, 41, 31, 22 and 23 from border towns were being called up for Mil service and were proceeding to ANTIQUNE. This is an event of the last TWO days. The age groups of 19 and 20 were called up TWO weeks ago.

(ii) Evidence of a feeling of uneasiness and tension in the villages of QURAYE and NATIA were observed by our troops during the last couple of days. French and Arabic newspapers publish unfavourable reports of the Russian position. General impression is that if any unfriendly move comes from the Turks it will come immediately following feast of Ramadan.

(iv) The display of our arms and ceremonial guard mounting and drill makes a most favourable impression on the local inhabitants and there is every evidence that the presence of our troops here is a matter of much comfort to the people of QURAYE.

2. LOCAL PERSONALITIES HANNA NECKERT of the Surete at EL HAKIM requires watching - not 100% British. Person named SABBET (former Sec. to Lieut Tinnel of the French S.G.) crosses frontier at intervals. Very much under suspicion.

RAJOU AREA

REF MAP

ANTICOMB SIUET.

1. GENERAL Coy Hq and attached troops have moved into buildings erected by Engineers.  
LOCATION Right hand side of Rd below Railway Sta at Rajou .

2. FRONTIER INFORMATION

a. Control exercised by Frontier Officials satisfactory.

b. Our own and Turkish Troops continue to make friendly contact.

c. MEIDANK KHENS post reports Turkish Military camp of TWO Bns in strength, situated TWO miles NORTH of MEIDANK KHENS STA and have been there for three weeks.

d. Greek Soldiers passing through from Turkey report that German soldiers shooting on sight anyone thought to be attempting to escape from Greece.

3. SECURITY

a. Everyone in Rajou village still being very "pro British" after recent arrest.

b. Strict vigilance necessary in this area -

i: On several occasions during the last week telephone between Coy Hq and VIANNET at #37534 has become dead. Suspected that line being tapped. A very low section of the line is now being watched at night.

ii. Sentries at the SADDLE #37536 fired One shot in direction of footsteps moving about in vicinity of Remolition Cairn on night of 17 Oct. Whoever was there disappeared among the numerous bushes.

iii: Report just received states that telephone line suddenly went dead last night 44 21 Oct at 1900 hrs. Patrol immediately sent out but before reaching the point where line is particularly low patrol noticed a torch coming on and going off as owner picked his way through rocks. Patrol could not catch up to this person but close watch will be kept on area.

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2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

SECRET.

26th Oct. 41.

Intelligence Summary No. 4.

Compiled from information received up to 0900 hours 25th October 41.

DJERABLOUS AREA. Ref. Map DJERABLOUS Sheet.

General.

- (a) Frontier Officials perform duties satisfactorily.
- (b) EURHRATES has risen a furk her 40cm and is still rising.

Frontier Information.

Capt. Hardy (Frontier Relations Officer) attached 18 Aust Inf Bde., visited this area on 20th Oct. 41. His object to establish relations with TURKISH Officers at FRONTIER Posts.. Accompanied by Lieut A.E.Pixley, Capt. Hardy proceeded to ARAB POUNAR where he contacted TURKISH PL. Comd. This TURKISH Lieut. was very friendly. Information was obtained to the effect that 600 TURKISH soldiers are in the area opposite ARAB POUNAR. 300 cavalry and 300 Infantry. Arrangements were also made for Capt. Hardy to contact TURKISH Captain in command of Coy., engaged in guard duties at DJERABLOUS STN. on 29 Oct. 41.

Patrols.

One section was despatched to ascertain nature of country SOUTH of AAMARNE (359533) WEST of RIVER EUPHRATES. Strength, 1 N.C.O. 1 section.

Object. Recce of country SOUTH of AAMARNE.

Report. Patrol Leader reports that tracks would be most difficult to negotiate in dry weather and impossible under wet conditions. Heavy tracks shown on map are non-existent.

(2) Strength. 1 Officer (Lt. Brown) 12 O.Rs.

Object. To contact 11 Indian Cav. patrol at, MATINE (419520) at 0900 hours 20 Oct. 41. DJERABLOUS Ferry - GOURNLOUK (365529) BARKA BATANE 383528 - RHAZAR 395528 BOZIK TAHTAN 403529.

Distance 297 miles.

Time. 8½ hours.

Report. Patrol proceeded to the Ferry and crossing was completed by 1100 hours. GOUMLOUK was reached at 1125 hours. The tracks from GOUMLOUK to BARKH BATANE are very poor and patrol finding it impossible to proceed, made a detour passing through DADALI - MEIDANE - KHALIOJIK - TOURAMANE - KHARAB KOUYOUNG to BARKH BATANE. Patrol arrived at this village at 1430 hours. Tracks were becoming worse so Patrol Comd. decided to take the best route to MATINE. Patrol proceeded along good 3rd class road to ARAB POUNAR. (there is a telegraph line following this road not marked on map) From ARAB POUNAR patrol proceeded along FRONTIER RD. to vicinity of AIM BATE where stony country began and continued to GOULTEPE (417534. BANNDHAR KHANO (420529) was reached at 1700 hrs and patrol bivouaged for night. Two members of the DOVANE are on patrol in this area during the night. Patrol arrived at MATINE at 0855 hrs next morning. 11 Indian Cav. Patrol (Capt. Bols) arrived at 0900 hrs and a further meeting was arranged for 1200 hrs 25 Oct. at ARAB POUNAR. At 1000 hrs patrol proceeded to AIN AISSA (436493) through HAOUK - OEUBOA (428513) TIYNE (434500).

## Intelligence Summary (continued)

AIN AISSA has an excellent water supply. Patrol proceeded WEST along good gravel surfaced road direction MESKENE (tpt can obtain 40 m.p.h. on this road) Eivouac was made at Ferry crossing on EUPHRATES. (position of village ~~XXX~~ marked on map is given as 368453) 0800 hrs 21 Oct. Patrol proceeded along EASTERN bank of EUPHRATES to HOUEIJ where broken country and wadis (not shown on map) prevented us following bank. Patrol proceeded to point 380465 and moved to CHAMS-ED-DINE 374478 on a 3rd class road. At this village patrol comd. and N.C.O. accompanied the head man of the village to lunch. In the Headman's house a number of ARABS were feasting. Lt. Brown counted 5 rifles and one pistol which were brought in by newcomers. The men with rifles also had a good supply of ammunition. Leaving CHAMS-ED-DINE patrol made detour EAST around hills to RAMMALE 377483. From RAMMALE patrol detoured EAST to arrive at JEBRESSI 379488 and then to KACH KACH-EL-KEBIR ~~XXXXX~~ 379497 along track shown on map. This track is very rough and difficult for trucks to negotiate. From KACH KACH-EL-KEBIR river track was followed to DABAA 383503 and patrol then moved to SIRRINE 384515 to avoid impassable tracks. Patrol proceeded through EL MRHARA 376524 - JAADÉ, QASRNIYE 369529 - HELEDJAK 369532 - CHIOUKHETT 364534 to ferry crossing. Track from DABAA is fair. Patrol proceeded to DJERABLOUS.

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AZAZ Area. Ref map ALEP & ANTIOCHE SHEET.

General. Dispositions of the Coy have been increased and are as follows:-

AZAZ Coy H.Q. 1 offr 29 O.Rs.  
AZAZ FRONTIER Manned by Coy H.Q. personnel.  
AKTERINE 1 offr 22 O.Rs.  
TUNNEL map ref. 263515 Tank Hunter Pl.  
BRIDGES 265515, 266515 Mortar Pl.  
EL HAMMAM 1 offr 22 O.Rs.

Capt. Suthers inspected EL HAMMAM and entertained Turkish Frontier Sgt.

On 24 Oct. 41 in company with Capt. Hardy, Bde. Int., visited the ACHMED AGA at EL HAMMAM. Attempted to contact THREE senior TURKISH officers known to be in area but were unable to do so. All posts in the above area report situation normal.

Patrol.

Strength. Int. Sgt. Ref. map ANTIOCHE  
Object. Road recce through mountains  
Distance. 18 miles to border.  
Time. one hour.  
Vehicle. Bedford 15 cwt.  
Road. 36 feet wide, soil surface with exception of one mile over range.  
Grades. Caution must be exercised when negotiating road over range because of steep grades.  
Bends. With exception of bends crossing range road is clear.  
Protection. Between 232503 -232506 protection afforded by orchards good, elsewhere road is open to observation.  
From air observation. Road is open to observation from the air.  
Points where road may be destroyed:- 235497 road could be destroyed here by blasting bridges at 232496. Stone bridge destroyed by rain Foundations have sunk and bridge surface fallen. Trucks must make difficult detour over creek bed. (dry)

Intelligence Summary (continued)

**Route.** From 234492 to 237497 - 232496 - road to 232505 - 228505.  
**Description of road.** From ~~232~~ 234492 - 237497 road has good soil surface. From 237497 to 232496 road has good gravel surface. From 232496 good soil surface to 232505. From 232505 - 228505 rough track only. In wet weather this road would be impassable to M.T. or track vehicles.

**IDLIB AREA.** Ref map Antioche - Lattaque - Hama.

**Frontier.** Information received from a member of the Guard Mobile who questioned a TURKISH soldier and a civilian. The soldier and the civilian both said there are soldiers camped in sections along road between HAMDA and ANTIOCHE. The civilian also said there were a number of TURKISH officers in HAMDA on the 19th Oct. 41 asking the civilians the following questions:-

- (1) Are there many BRITISH soldiers on the Frontier?
- (2) What is the strength of the various posts and are they changed often?
- (3) Are there many Guards Mobile on the frontier.
- (4) Are they attached to the British Forces or under their own command?

The muktah at HATIA informed Lieut. Hoskings that all men between the ages 20 - 35 in nearby villages had been taken to ANTIOCHE for military service. Lieut. Hoskings reports signalling between TWO points, EAST and SOUTH of QEHAYE. The code used had no relation to morse. British F.S. officers have been informed and re-occurrence of signalling will be reported to them.

Posts in this area report situation normal.

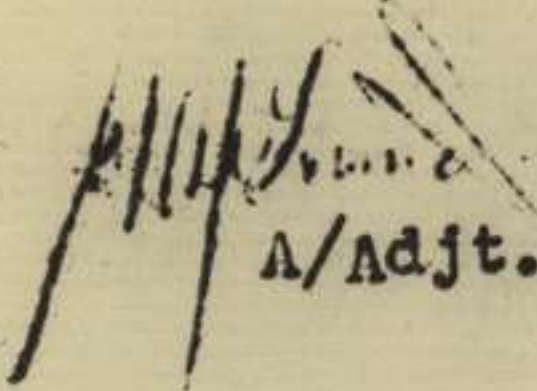
RADJOU AREA. ref. map ANTIOCHE.

General.

Major MATTHEWS, 2/10 Bn. accompanied by 2/10 Bn Q.M. made a tour of posts.

The B.M.O. visited all posts in this area.

All posts in this area report situation normal.

  
Lieut.  
A/Adjt. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

WAR  
DIARY

SECRET.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

2nd Nov. 41.

Compiled from information received up to 0900 hrs. 1 Nov. 41.

DJERABLOUS AREA Ref. map DJERABLOUS SHEET.

General:-

- (a) The EUPHRATES has subsided  $\frac{1}{2}$  metre and the causeway to the ramp of the military ferry is above water. The ferry TOW ROPE has broken necessitating the use of poles for crossing the River.
  - (b) Natives in DJERABLOUS area are extremely friendly towards our troops (Inf. received from Lieut. Ivey & A Coy personnel.)
  - (c) The TURKS held a military display at CARKEMISH, 359542. Approx 7000 men took part.
  - (d) 30 Oct. 41 A Coy moved to new barracks area.
- Frontier Information. Immediately after TURKISH military display at CARKEMISH 359 542 Lieuts. Ivey & Geason called on TURKISH officials at the KAI MAKAM'S home, where they met TWO TURKISH officers and all the Municipal Officials. The TURKISH officers and officials were pleased to meet Lieuts. Ivey & Geason and asked them to call again. Arrangements were made for the TURKISH officials to call on our officers. Posts in this area reports situation normal.

AZAZ AREA. ref. map ALEP nad ANTIOCHE SHEETS

General:-

- (a) AKTERINE post reports 201 men (recruits for TURKISH ARMY) passed en route for WESTERN TURKEY from BAGHDAD. Posts in this area report situation normal.

IDLIB AREA ref. maps ANTIOCHE - LATTAQUIE HAMA.

General:-

- (a) 24 Oct. 41 Lieut. Hoskings accompanied by F.S.S. personnel drove to HATAA 205445 to meet TURKISH officer in command of frontier post. This officer returned with Lieut. Hoskings to QEHAYE accompanied by an interpreter, Customs officials and two soldiers. The TURKISH Officer informed Lieut. Hoskings that military centres had recently conducted training manouvers during which many recruits had taken part for the first time.
- (b) Lieut informs this H.Q. that AUSTRALIAN troops in QEHAYE are held in great esteem by native population.
- (c) Lieut Charles (B.F.S.S.) informed Lieut. Hoskings that the village of DJISRE (LATTAQUIE-HAMA 1:200,000) 207429 is a hot bed of Anti-British propaganda.
- (d) Col. Logan, C.O. 7 AUST. CAV. called and received information regarding local water supply and roads.
- (e) GUARDE MOBILE night 27/28 Oct. 41 FOUR men attempted to cross into TURKEY, TWO were captured by TURKISH guards, but TWO re-crossed into SYRIA and escaped. TURKS have been instructed to fire on any unauthorised person or persons crossing frontier. The captured men are MOHAMMED SATOUH and AHMD ALI (contrabanders)

**Intelligence Summary (continued)**

- (f) MOHAMMED STEIF - MOHAMMED DGOUMA - MOHAMMED ALI. These men attempted to cross from SYRIA into TURKEY with TWO car tyres and TWO bags containing jute bags. TURKISH soldiers went to arrest them in SOFFLIE. MOHAMMED DGOUMA succeeded in hiding himself the other TWO were captured but MOHAMMED STEIF escaped and was fired on. MOHAMMED STEIF has since crossed back into SYRIA and is still at large.
- (g) A dentist KARNIK BAYADJIAN practising in QEHAYE and districts has acted as follows:- Has been extremely friendly to all tps Pl. Comdr. (Lieut Hoskings) reports in several cases personnel have been treated by him and his fees are extremely low. He makes inquiries as to Unit moves and asks for photographs. This man is very friendly with local Gendarmie with whom he drinks. The Gendarmie discuss matters freely in his presence. KARNIK BAYADJIAN is an ARMENIAN.

RADJOU AREA. ref map ANTIOCHE SHEET.

The MARDIA and DR. KONIALIAN from ALEPPO called at D Coy H.Q.

26th Oct. 41.

All posts in this area report situation normal.

*Discovered by* Lieut.  
I.O. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/12<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bn*

(Unit.) For Week Ending *4-10-41*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
	Majors... ..	<i>3</i>		
	Captains ... ..	<i>5</i>		<i>4</i>
	Lieutenants ... ..	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	<i>30</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Leid SL</i>	<i>A.I.C.</i>	<i>At present 18 A I T B.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Steddy SLB</i>	<i> </i>	<i>At present 18 A I T B.</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col	TX 2002	Field J. C.O.	AIF	Yes		
2								
3		Major	SR 1468	Honrad D. Coy 21/c	✓	✓		
4			TX 2012	Kempster M. Coyland	✓	No		Adv Party
5			TX 2013	Leard G.	✓	No		A.O. Coy.
6		Capt	TX 2014	Bowles M. G.M.	✓	Yes		
7			QX 6026	Latgood M. Coyland	✓	✓		
8			TX 2017	Swain R. J.	✓	✓		
9			QX 6049	Sucher M.	✓	No		Adv Party
10			QX 3817	Kirk G. Capt.	✓	Yes		
11								
12		Pres.	TX 2018	Jvey G.H. Coy 21/c	✓	Yes		
13			TX 2019	Seasone M. Coyland	✓	No		18 AITS school
14			TX 2016	Koffert R.A. Coy 21/c	✓	No		do
15			TX 703	Gustis O.A.	✓	Yes		
16			QX 3704	Edmore M. M. Coy	✓	No		Adv Party
17			TX 882	Hart G.K. Coy 21/c	✓	Yes		
18			TX 334	Murray H. Coyland	✓	No		
19			VX 9548	Tranck M. TO	✓	Yes		
20			TX 2070	Pierley S.A. Coyland	✓	No		School
21			QX 3635	Crain J. Coyland	✓	No		
22			TX 2082	Eghens B.	✓	Yes		
23			TX 2055	W. J.	✓	✓		
24			TX 185	Brown K. Coyland	✓	No		
25			TX 850	Wether G.	✓	✓		
26			QX 3502	Wether G.	✓	No		School
27			QX 2021	Wether G. I.O.	✓	No		Adv Party
28			QX 12735	Griffiths M. Coyland	✓	No		School
29			QX 2047	Russell M.	✓	No		School
30			QX 2026	Hosking G.W.	✓	No		School
31			TX 6031	Hart G. Coy	✓	Yes		
32			TX 6040	Wether G.	✓	Yes		
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	TX 2027	Brandwin P	AIF	8.12.39	RMO
Capt	VX 46890	Blake D.	✓	24.5.41	Padre

2/12<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn A.I.F.  
(Unit.)

10-41  
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Field  
(Signature of Commander.)

18<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn A.I.F.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit)

### PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* .....			
* .....			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	<i>1</i>		
Majors ... ..	<i>3</i>		
Captains ... ..	<i>5</i>		<i>4</i>
Lieutenants ... ..	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<i>30</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

### PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Raid</i> <i>H. L.</i>	<i>A. I. P.</i>	<i>18 I.T.R.</i>
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Steddy</i> <i>E. M. C.</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	Tx 2002	Field, J. G.O.	A I F	Yes	
Major	SX 1468	Arnold A.S.W. 2 1/2	-	✓	
✓	Tx 2012	Remington P.G. Coy Comdr	-	✓	
✓	Tx 2013	Geard C.J. ✓	✓	✓	
Capt	Tx 2014	Boucher M.C.W. R.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 6026	Gatwood H.A. Coy Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2017	Swain R.G. ✓	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 6040	Butters A.G. ✓	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 3517	Kirk C.S. ADJT	✓	✓	
Lieut	Tx 2018	Jvey C.H. Coy 2 1/2	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2019	Gordon H.J. Pl Comdr	✓	NO.	A.I.F. Infantry School
✓	Tx 2016	Rafferty R.A. Coy 2 1/2	✓	✓	✓
✓	Tx 703	Curth O.A. ✓	✓	Yes	
✓	Bx 3704	Gulmore J.C.S. Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 882	Hampel F.K. Coy 2 1/2	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 334	Murray A.M.H. Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	Vx 9548	Trinckle J.A.I. T.D.	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2070	Pringle S.E.A. Pl Comdr	✓	NO.	F.O. WORKS COURSE OF ENGINEER
✓	Bx 3635	Craig J.J. ✓	✓	✓	RIFLE & L.M.G. COURSE SARAFI.
✓	Tx 2082	Edmundson C.B. ✓	✓	✓	F.O. WORKS COURSE OF ENGINEERING
✓	Tx 2055	Aelf J.T. -	✓	Yes	
✓	Tx 185	Brown H.R. Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 850	Cooper S.R. ✓	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 3502	Clarke D.S. -	✓	NO.	School of Signals Divna
✓	Bx 2021	Graham C. T.D.	✓	Yes	
✓	Bx 12735	Griffiths S.C. Pl Comdr	✓	NO.	School of Signals Divna
✓	Bx 2047	Russell N.H. ✓	✓	NO.	Junior Officers School
✓	Bx 2026	Hosking C.W. ✓	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 6031	Hart C.A.S. ✓	✓	Yes	
✓	Tx 6040	Shannon R.C. ✓	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	Tx 2027	Brathwaite P	A.A.M.C.	8.12.39	R.M.D.
CHAPLAIN	Vx 46890	Balaba D	18 Aust Inf Bde HQ	24.5.41	Padre

1/12 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

12 = 10 = 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*J. Field*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
18 Aust Inf Bde of Div  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12 4th Cavalry Squadron 227*  
..... (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	20		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	5		4
Lieutenants ...	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut.	<i>Heid</i> <i>AL</i>	<i>P.I.C.</i>	<i>10 A I.T.B.</i>
Lieut.	<i>Steady</i> <i>EM</i>	<i>'</i>	<i>18 A I.T.B.</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt.	TX2002	Field J. CO.	AIF	No	School.
Major	SX1468	Arnold W. 2/c	✓	Yes	
✓	TX2012	Hempster W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX2013	Seard G. 1/c	✓	✓	
capt	TX2014	Boucher W. 3/c	✓	Yes	
✓	BX6026	Salisbury W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX2017	Swain R. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	BX6040	Stiles W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	Qx3817	Kirk G. 1/c	✓	✓	
1st Lt.	TX2018	Goey G. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX2019	Green W. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	TX2016	Koffey R. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	TX703	Currie W. 1/c	✓	Yes	
✓	Qx3704	Simons W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX882	Hamp R. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX334	Spurr W. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	TX9548	Trinick S. 1/c	✓	Yes	
✓	TX2070	Pisley W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	BX3635	Crain W. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	TX2082	Elphinstone W. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	TX2055	Hill J. 1/c	✓	Yes	
✓	TX185	Brown W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX850	Cooper W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	BX3502	Clarke W. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	BX2021	Travis W. 1/c	✓	Yes	
✓	Qx2735	Griffiths W. 1/c	✓	No	School
✓	BX2047	Russell W. 1/c	✓	Yes	
✓	BX2026	Hosking W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX6031	Hart W. 1/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX6040	Shinner W. 1/c	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
capt	TX2027	Brachwiler G.	AAMC	8-12-39	RMO
Chaplain	SX46890	Blake G.	18th Aust Inf Bde	20-5-41	Padre

2/12<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde AIF  
(Unit.)

19-10-41

(Date of Despatch.)

W. Arnold  
(Signature of Commander.)

18th Aust Inf Bde

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12<sup>th</sup> 1st Cavalry* *R.D.F.*  
(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	5		4
Lieutenants ...	24	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>24.10.41</i>	<i>W.A.S. from 18 A.T.R.</i>
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Runde</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>24.10.41</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Woods</i>		<i>24.10.41</i>	

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	TX 2002	Field J. C.O.	A.I.F.	No	Medical School.
Major	SX 1468	Ronald P. 21/c	✓	Yes	
✓	TX 2012	Hemphill J. Coyland	✓	No	M.D.S.
✓	TX 2013	Grant G.	✓	Yes	
Capt	TX 2014	Boucher P. 8/M	✓	✓	
✓	QX 6026	Galgood K. 9/C Coyland	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2017	Swan R. 9.	✓	✓	
✓	QX 6040	Lucas P.	✓	✓	
✓	QX 3817	Kirk B.S. Coy 21/c	✓	✓	
Lieut.	TX 2018	Grey G. Coy 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2019	Heason U.S. Pl. Land	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2016	Rafferty R.A. Coy 21/c	✓	No	School.
✓	TX 703	Lawson O.A.	✓	Yes	
✓	QX 3704	Lyndon R.S. Pl. Land	✓	✓	
✓	TX 882	Harvey F.K. 1/Capt.	✓	✓	
✓	TX 334	Murray P. Pl. Land	✓	✓	
✓	VX 9248	Finnick S.P.S. T.O.	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2070	Dickson R.A. Pl. Land	✓	✓	
✓	QX 3635	Waring J.	✓	No	School
✓	TX 2082	Elphinstone J.S.	✓	✓	School
✓	QX 6234	Maddy G. 1/c	✓	Yes	
✓	TX 2055	Wright J.T.	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2105	Smith P. Pl. Land	✓	✓	
✓	TX 185	Brown R. 9.	✓	No	M.D.S.
✓	TX 850	Becher J. 9.	✓	No	School
✓	QX 3502	Black J.S.	✓	✓	School
✓	QX 2021	Evans J. T.O.	✓	Yes	
✓	QX 12735	Griffiths R. Pl. Land	✓	No	School
✓	QX 2047	Kennedy R.H.	✓	Yes	
✓	QX 2026	Locking G. 8/M	✓	✓	
✓	TX 6031	Hart G.	✓	✓	
✓	TX 6040	Skinner R. 6.	✓	No	M.D.S.
✓	TX 704	Green P. 6.	✓	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	TX 2027	Brichwaile P.	A.H.F.C.	8.12.39	R.M.O.
bl. claim	SX 146890	Blake D.	18 Aust Inf Bde A.S.	24.5.41	Padre.

2/12<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)  
26-10-41 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
18<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf Bn (Unit)*

*R.I.F.*

*1-11-41*

### PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	5		4
Lieutenants ...	23	4	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

### PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	<i>Dunlop J.A.</i>	<i>57 I.F.</i>	<i>31-10-41</i>	<i>Marked in favour 18 A.I.T.B.</i>

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>Brown L.H.</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>26-10-41</i>	<i>Admitted to AG</i>
	<i>Skinner R.B.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>31-10-41</i>	<i>Admitted to AG</i>

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt col	Tx 2002	Field J. 60.	AIF	No	school
Major	Sx 1468	Donald 21/c	✓	Yes	
	Tx 2012	Hemphill M. 21/c	✓	No	M.A.S.
	Tx 2013	Leadb. 6. J.	✓	Yes	
capt	Tx 2014	Boucher 21/c	✓	No	school
✓	Qx 6026	Lapwood 21/c	✓	Yes	
✓	Tx 2017	Woods R. G.	✓	Yes	
✓	Qx 6040	Suchet 21/c	✓	Yes	
17 capt	Qx 3817	Kirk 21/c	✓	Yes	
lieut.	Tx 2018	Dwyer 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2019	Graves 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2016	Rafferty 21/c	✓	No	school
✓	Tx 703	Wicks O. A.	✓	Yes	
✓	Qx 3704	Simons 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 882	Harris 21/c	✓	No	school
✓	Tx 334	Murray 21/c	✓	✓	school
✓	Vx 9538	Linnick 21/c	✓	Yes	
✓	Qx 6097	Douglas 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2070	Pickley 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Qx 3635	Wright 21/c	✓	No	school
✓	Tx 2082	Leitch 21/c	✓	✓	school
✓	Qx 6234	Shaw 21/c	✓	Yes	
✓	Tx 2055	Wright 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 2105	Reid 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 850	Becher 21/c	✓	No	school
✓	Qx 3502	Blair 21/c	✓	Yes	
✓	Qx 2021	Graves 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Qx 12735	Expitho 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Qx 2047	Russell 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Qx 2026	Waddington 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 6031	Ward 21/c	✓	✓	
✓	Tx 704	Green 21/c	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
capt	Tx 2027	Baughman P.	A.P.M.C.	9.12.39	R.M.O.
captain	146890	Blake D.	18 Aust Inf Bde	24.5.41	Parade

2/12<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde 97.  
(Unit.)

ASW Arnold Major  
(Signature of Commander.)

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(Date of Despatch.)

18 Aust Inf Bde 97  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
IDLIB	1	BN HQ <sup>s</sup> HQ COY MOVED TO IDLIB TO OCCUPY QUARTERS IN THE TOWN. A, B, C. COYS TO MOVE INDEPENDENTLY TO IDLIB.		
	2	D COY ARRIVED IDLIB FROM RAJTOU.		
	3	HQ COY MOVED TO NEW BARRACKS NORTH OF IDLIB. COYS RESUME WEAPON TRAINING AND MARCHING LEAVE PARTY 200trs 400trs		
	* 4	to BEIRUT BY 3 TON TRUCKS		
	4	RECCES MADE of 20 vols for 10 Bde. Coys engaged in weapon try and route marching.		
	5	Recces made of 3000 for 10 Bde Coys engaged in weapon try and route marching. Leave party for TEL AVIV (9 days) of 600trs and 200trs (by truck).		
	6	Coys engaged in general try		
	7	Coys engaged in general try. Leave party return from BEIRUT		

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Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major



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DL1B	8	Rece made of area suitable for Rifle Range. Area suitable found at point 231445 Coys engaged in weapon try.		
	9	Church pdc for all deus. Coys administration		
	10	Bn HQ moved to new area together with remainder of HQ Coy and one pl of Coy. Remainder of Coys engaged in try. B Coy leave ALEPPO		
	11	B provided Sec. of honour (3) in connection with march through BEIRUT - Armistice day. Bn Band also participated. HQ Coy proceeded on leave ALEPPO B Coy ret'd from leave		

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Signature *PW [Signature]*

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IDLIB	12	<p>A Coy ret'd from base D Coy proceeded on base ALEPPO Camp perimeter sec'd with new fencing whole with single barbed wire 1650 yds. req'd. Coy route marking and weapon try.</p>		
	13	<p>S.O.C. of Div visited area and inspected camp D Coy ret'd from base Coy about to proceed on ALEPPO base. Other Coy engaged in P.A.D work and route marking MUKHTAR of village at MASTOUMEN KEMANAS SARMIN and BEYNICHE contacted &amp; requested to have their people refrain from trespassing in new camp area.</p>		

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Signature *W. Arnold*

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IDL 13	14	Coy try and leave ALEPPO		
	15	Coy try and leave ALEPPO		
	16	Leave party ret. from TEL AVIV Church par for bel dems. Sport in afternoon		
	17	Coy try and leave ALEPPO Sudden change to cold weather		
	18	Coy try and on leave ALEPPO Rain commenced today at 1430 hr.		

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Signature *P. W. Armer*

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1041 B	19	Camps try. and sports. Leave ALEPPO Leave to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM		
	20	Camps try. and sport Piece of land barred WEST gate commenced - Carriers employed. Tons unpracticable to employ carriers in rice due to numerous breakdowns thus slowing up rice.  Conference - operational re change in location from Idlib to Frankish to take place on 22 Nov 41	Unit Advance Qty. Movement Nov of 20 Nov 41 - WARNING ORDER 20 Nov 41	

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Signature *W. Arnold*

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IDL18	21	Battalion engaged in training by Coy's and preparations to move on 22 Nov 41	Movements Nov. NO1 of 21 NOV 41	
	22	B C & D Coy's moved out to forward positions - B Coy - FZAZ C Coy - IDL18 D Coy - RPDJOU Bn HQ + HQ Coy (less det.) to ALEPPO DROME with 1 pl 17 Coy of 10 this Coy Bn moved into IDL18 area C Coy repta in at 1400 hrs.		
	23	H Coy moved to DTERABLOUS 1 pl at Drome to DTERAH B and D Coys repta in.		

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Signature *P. W. Arnold*

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	24	SUSPENSION OF TURKISH TPS. TRAVELLING ON SYRIAN Rlys. COYS. INSTRUCTED TO TURN BACK TPS. & STORES & KEEP DETAILED RECORD.		
	25	INSTRUCTIONS NOW RECEIVED TO REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS ON TURKISH TRAFFIC PENDING DIPLOMATIC ACTION. COYS. INSTRUCTED ACCORDINGLY. INSTRUCTIONS TO <sup>RECEIVED</sup> SUBMIT RETURN OF ALL PERSONS CROSSING FRONTIER ON PASSPORT. COYS INSTRUCTED ACCORDINGLY.  INSTRUCTIONS FROM BDE. WATCH FOR WHEAT, WOOL, TEXTILES ETC. GOING INTO TURKEY NOT IN SEALED TRUCKS. TURKISH TPS. LOCATION & IDENTIFICATION. INFM. OF MORALE & ATTITUDE OF LOCAL INHABITANTS. INFM OF TWO TURKISH MINISTERS SACKED BECAUSE PRO BRITISH. WATCH FOR SUSPICIOUS PLANNES. COYS. INSTRUCTED ACCORDINGLY.		

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	26	<p>C.O. proceeds to RADJOU for inspection of posts. Wiring of demolition points at in RADJOU area commences. 10 OR's from A. Coy. proceed to RADJOU to assist with wiring. C. Coy. moves to RADJOU to assist with wiring.</p>		
	27	<p>b. bay near H.Q. Radju forward H.Q. Fort. b bay area Lookout Fort Viaduct. D bays area Sadale hostler's Turnnela Station Meadane Ekhe. D &amp; b loop proceeding with wiring.</p>		
	28	<p>b &amp; d bays proceeding with wiring. A &amp; B bay post duties</p>		
	29	<p>b &amp; d bay wiring A &amp; B post &amp; frontier duties</p>		
	30	<p>b &amp; d bay wiring A &amp; B post &amp; frontier duties.</p>		

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Signature *W. Arnold*







2/12 Aust Inf Bn

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20 Nov 41

WARNING ORDER (MOVEMENT)

2/12 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/10 Aust Inf Bn at the Frontier Area on 22nd & 23rd. November 41.

Location of Subx Units:-

"A" Coy less one Pl	-	DJERABLOUS
1 Pl "A" Coy	-	DJERAH AERODROME
"B" Coy	-	AZAZ
"C" Coy less 1 Pl.	-	IDLIB
"D" Coy plus 1 Pl "C" Coy		
Tank Hunting Pl., AA Pl.		
Mortar Pl.	-	RADJON
HQ Coy., less Mortar, AA & Tank Hunting Pls.		AIEPPO
Bn HQ & Band		AIEPPO

ADVANCE PARTY

Instructions to be issued 20 Nov 41.

MOVEMENT ORDER

To be issued 21 Nov 41.

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*F.K. Haupt*  
F.K. Haupt Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No.</u>
C.O.	1
2 i/c	2
<del>ix</del> Adjt.	3
I.O.	4
A Coy	5
B Coy	6
C Coy	7
D Coy	8
HQ Coy	9
Q.M.	10
T.O.	11
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	12
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20 Nov 41

ADVANCE PARTY (MOVEMENT)

(Issued in conjunction with Warning Order issued 20 Nov 41.)

2/12 Aust Inf Bn Advance Parties will move to Coy Areas as set out below:1

1. STRENGTH.

<u>COY</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
A Coy	DJERABLOUS	1 NCO 2 ORs.
do	DJERAH (Aerodrome)	1 NCO.
B Coy	ZANA	1 NCO 3 ORs.
C Coy	MINI YAG	3 NCOs.
D Coy	BADJOU	1 off 6 NCOs 2 ORs
HQ Coy	ALEPPO	As detailed by OC Advance Pty or QM

NOTE: "A" Coy Advance Party for DJERAH will travel with HQ Coys Advance Party.  
The above is arranged so as to make sure 1 NCO or OR goes to each post

2. TRANSPORT.

(a) T.O. will provide the following Transport:-

<u>COY</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
A Coy	1 - 15 cwt truck
B Coy	1 - 15 cwt truck
D Coy	1 - 15 cwt truck
HQ Coy	as required by QM

(The above transport will report to Coys at 0800hrs 21 Nov 41)

- (b) "C" Coy will move out on 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Ration Trucks.  
(c) "A" Coy will move out with a Pl Truck loaded with Pl Store complete.  
(d) "B" & "D" Coys will move with own Pl Trucks without Pl Stores  
(e) HQ Coy will be responsible for the transporting of the Advance Party to DJERAH Aerodrome.  
(f) Both "B" & "D" Coy trucks will remain with Advance Party

3. DEPARTURE

- (a) "A", "B" & "D" Coy will leave Bn HQ at 0930hrs 21 Nov 41  
(b) "C" Coy to arrange their departure with "D" Coy 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.  
(c) HQ Coy to be notified later.  
All Coys to report to Bn HQ before leaving and when arriving at their Areas.f

4. RATIONS.

- (a) All parties to carry unexpended portion of the days ration and the following days (22 Nov 41) rations.  
(b) "A" Coy DJERABLOUS Party to carry sufficient rations for both the 22nd & 23rd Nov 41.  
All parties to carry three days reserve rations.

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5. DRESS.

- (a) SD Marching Order.
- (b) Water bottles to be filled
- (c) All personal effects to be carried by Advance Party.

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 A/Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

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Adjt	3
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A Coy	5
B Coy	6
C Coy	7
D Coy	8
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2/12 AUST INF BN

MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION - NO.1.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn will move from IDLIB Area to the FRONTIER AREA - relieving 2/10 Aust Inf Bn at the FRONTIER AREA on 22nd Nov 41. and 23rd Nov 41.

1. COY LOCATION.

<u>2/12 Bn</u>	<u>WILL TAKE OVER FROM</u>	<u>2/10 BN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>COY</u>		<u>COY</u>	
A (less 1 Pl.)	do	A Coy at	DJERABLOUS & Posts in Area.
B Coy	do	B Coy "	AZAZ & Posts in Area.
C Coy (less 1 Pl.)	do	B Coy "	IDLIB & Posts in Area.
D Coy (plus attached troops)	do	C Coy "	RADJOU & Posts in Area.
1 Pl A Coy	do	Carriers "	DJERAH
HQ Coy)		HQ Coy)	
Bn HQ )	do	Bn HQ )	ALEPPO AERO-DROME.
BAND )		BAND )	

2. ATTACHED PERSONNEL.

The following personnel are attached (these are above those previously notified as attached).

<u>SIGNALIERS</u>		<u>STRETCHER BEARERS I. SEC</u>	
A Coy	- 3	-	2
B Coy	- 3	-	2
C Coy	- 3	-	3
D Coy	- 7	-	3
1 Pl A Coy	-	-	1

Attached personnel to report to their Coys by 0800 hrs 24 Nov 41

3. DEPARTURE.

"B", "C", "D", HQ Coy., 1 Pl. "A" Coy, Bn HQ & Band will move on 22nd November 41.

"A" Coy less 1 Pl will move on 23rd November 41.

TIME TABLE for Saturday 22 Nov 41.

<u>0900 hrs</u>	"D" Coy plus attached troops leave for BAGDAD STATION ALEPPO. Transport then proceeds to Aero-Drome, ALEPPO and pick up 2/10 Aust Inf Bn HQ Coy.
<u>0915 hrs</u>	"B" Coy leaves for AZAZ.
<u>0930 hrs</u>	Carriers move to ALEPPO Aero-drome.
<u>1000 hrs</u>	"D" Coy road party leave "D" Coy Area for RADJOU
<u>1400 hrs</u>	HQ Coy (less Mortar, AA, Tank Hunting Pl. - 1 Pl "A" Coy for DJERAH - Bn HQ & Band, move to ALEPPO Aero-drome.

TRAIN TIME TABLE - for "D" Coy.

Leaves ALEPPO	- 1140 hrs
Arrives MAIDANBEKBES	- 1630 hrs
Leave " " (for return journey)	- 1653 hrs (2/10 Bn to return by this train).

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 41.

<u>0700 hrs.</u>	"A" Coy less 1 Pl leaves IDLIB for DJERABLOUS
<u>0830 hrs</u>	1 Pl "A" Coy leaves ALEPPO Aero-drome for DJERAH

P.T.O.

4. TRANSPORT.

(a) ALLOTMENT: - Troops carrying vehicles for 22nd November 41 are as follows:-

<u>COY</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
B Coy	3 - 3 ton trucks
C Coy	6 - 3 ton trucks
D Coy	16 - 3 ton trucks
HQ Coy (less detached troops)	
Bn HQ	
Band	
1 Pl "A" Coy	16 - 3 ton trucks

(b) All vehicles for 22 November 41 will report to Bn HQ at 1600 hrs 21 November 41.

(c) T.O. to allot trucks as shown above on 21 November 41.

(d) "D" Coy to allot four trucks to HQ Coy for loading as required.

(e) Sunday 23rd, November 41.

<u>COY</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
A Coy (Less 1 Pl)	7 - 3 ton trucks
1 Pl "A" Coy	2 - 3 ton trucks

Vehicles to report 0700 hrs 23 November 41 to respective O.Cs.

(f) UNIT TRANSPORT ALLOTMENT.

<u>COY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
A Coy (less 1 Pl.)	DJERABLOUS	2 - 15 cwt trucks.
1 Pl "A" Coy	DJERAH	1 - 15 cwt truck
B Coy	AZAZ	3 - 15 cwt trucks
		1 D.R.
C Coy (less 1 Pl.)	IDLIB	2 - 15 cwt trucks
		1 - 8 cwt P.U. truck
		1 - Water Truck.
		1 - D.R.
D Coy (Plus attached troops)	RADJOU	1 - 8 cwt. P.U. Truck
		4 - 15 cwt trucks.

(g) DENSITY, SPEED OF VEHICLES IN CONVOY.

M.T. Convoy	- 15 V.I.M.	- Speed 15 M.I.H.
Carries	- 10 V.I.M.	- Speed 10 M.I.H.

5. STORES

(a) Coys will carry all stores etc on transport provided.

(b) D Coy to arrange loading of stores on troops carrying vehicles by Post Lots.

6. RATIONS.

(a) Two days rations will be carried by all Coys - arrangements to be made with QM.

(b) Three days reserve rations to be carried in addition to the two days daily rations.

7. DRESS.

(a) S.D. - Marching Order.

(b) Water Bottle to be filled.

(c) Blankets to be carried in Section bundles.

(d) All personal effects to be carried on vehicles with the man.

(3)

8. AMMUNITION.

As arranged by QM.

9. HANDING AND TAKING OVER CERTIFICATES.

Certificates to be furnished to this HQ immediately Handing and Taking Over has been completed ( to be rendered in duplicate). List of Stores (in duplicate) to be attached to certificates.

10. REPORTING.

All Coys will report to Bn HQ before leaving present Areas, and report when change over is completed.

11. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

Bn Signal Office will close at IDLIB at 1400 hours on 22nd November 41. Re-open at ALEPPO at 1400 hours on 22nd November 41.

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*F.K. Haupt*  
F.K. Haupt. Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

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# WAR DIARY

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UNIT *2/12 Aust Inf*  
*BW*

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
<i>BN HQ ALEPPO DROME</i>		<i>BN AREA ATTACHED MAP AND TRACINGS.</i>		<p><i>During this period a great deal of wintry weather has been experienced in the Bn area and for a great many personnel it is the first cold winter they have met with for two years owing to operational movements made by the Unit since leaving Australia. The health of the men is generally good and the services provided by the A.C.F. and from the 12 Bn Association have been much appreciated.</i></p>
	1	<i>A COY AND B COY POST AND FRONTIER DUTIES. C AND D COYS WIRING RADJOU AREA</i>		
	2	<i>ditto</i>		
	3	<i>ditto</i>		
	4	<i>ditto</i>		
	5	<i>ditto</i>		
	6	<i>ditto</i>		
	7	<i>SNOW FELL IN BN AREA, WIRING SUSPENDED</i>		
	8	<i>SNOW THAWING A AND B COYS POST AND FRONTIER DUTIES. C AND D WIRING</i>		
	9	<i>ditto</i>		
	10	<i>ditto HEAVY RAINS IN AREA</i>		
	11	<i>ditto</i>		
	12	<i>Frontier duties C and D Coy wiring and weapon pits</i>		
	13	<i>Recce patrol to Red creek. Hooper. Corp on frontier duties</i>		

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ALEPPO DROME	14	Church Base } for Bn HQ & HQ Coy Adm } A, B, C, D Coys - frontier duties		
	15	A, B, C, D Coys frontier duties Base near work to SALKINE Rain fell again today		
	16	A, B, C & D Coys Frontier Duties. Weather - Showery		
	17	A, B, C & D Coys Frontier Duties		
	18	ditto		
	19	ditto		
	20	ditto 1st bat of Field returned to unit from School. Senior Wing M.E.T.S.		
	21	A, B, C & D Coys Frontier Duties		
	22	ditto Guard left unit for School. Senior Wing M.E.T.S.		

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Aleppo Aerodrome	23	A B C & D bay Frontier Guards Duties.		
	24	ditto		
	25	ditto		
	26	ditto		
	27	ditto		
	28	ditto		
	29	ditto		
	30	ditto		
	31	ditto		

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2/12 Aust Inf Bn Operation Instruction No.6.INTENTION.

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METHOD.

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5. The normal channels for reports will be as follows:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Coys</u>	<u>Method &amp; channel</u>
RADJOU- MEIDANE EKBES.	C & D	One consolidated report twice daily from detachment HQ by W/T or phone. In event of interruption or failure in these channels by D.R. to B Coy HQ. AZAZ and thence by B Coy HQ D.R. to BHQ.
DJERABLOUS	A (less Pl.)	One report twice daily <del>MMING</del> by W/T or phone. In event of failure of this channel by truck to Bn HQ.
AZAZ	B	One report twice daily dealing with AZAZ, AZAZ FRONTIER POST, KATMA and EL HAMMAM by phone. In event of line failure by D.R. to Bn HQ. B Coy will also be responsible for relay of messages from detachment HQ RADJOU by phone or D.R. to Bn HQ as and when required by circumstances.
AKTERINE	B	One report twice daily <u>direct</u> to Bn HQ by D.R. Copy to be retained by detachment commander AKTERINE for information of O.C. B Coy. Route ALEPPO - FEFINE - AKTERINE. If this route is impracticable one report twice daily to AZAZ by D.R. in time for phoning through with B Coy report.

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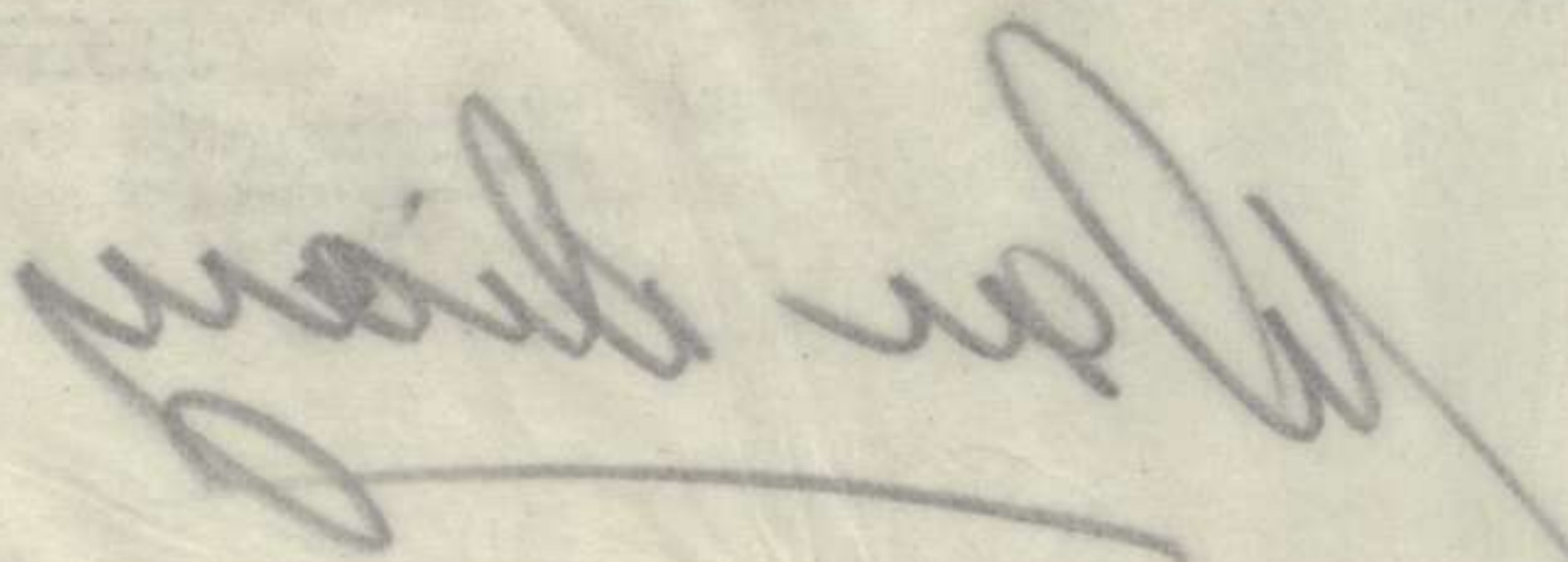
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RADJOU	-	one
EL HAMMAN	-	one
AZAZ	-	two
AKTERINE	-	one

D.Rs stationed at RADJOU, EL HAMMAN and AZAZ are attached for use in emergency and will not be employed on routine business or for despatch carrying unless other forms of intercommunication are disrupted.

  
Lieut.  
Adj. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY  
LIEUT COL J. FIELD, COMD. 2/12 AUST INF BN.

29 Dec 41.

DUTIES. (mounting 1800 hrs 29 Dec 41.) No. 159

Duty Officer  
" " (next for duty)

Lieut P.L. Green  
Lieut D.W. Rea

2. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING" Vigorous action will be taken by all Coy Comds to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the war. Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable, some Coy Comds are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of government property are to be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined. Coy Comds are held responsible for safeguarding Government property committed to their charge, and that all their officers and NCO's and men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard. Inadequate action by Coy Comds in taking protective measures, carrying out investigations into losses, or inflicting appropriate punishment within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.
3. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS. The marked increase in the number of paybook losses indicates that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and Coy Comds will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pick pockets etc. The habit of carrying money inside the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Units should discourage soldiers carrying money inside their paybooks. The provision of an inside pocket in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under unit arrangements, will be investigated by H.Q.
4. REPATRIATION BENEFITS - PERSONNEL DISCHARGED FOR MISCONDUCT. The attention of all ranks is to be drawn to the fact that when members are discharged or their appointments terminated owing to misconduct, they will not be entitled to repatriation benefits, which include vocational training, assistance in obtaining civil employment and provision of tools of trade.
5. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES. Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs Exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the Middle East for members of the Forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

*L. Belphinstone Lieut.*

Fol Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit) *A.I.F.*  
*6-12-41*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	4		5
Lieutenants ...	25	6	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Meinert R/B</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>4/12/41</i>	<i>from 2/13 Lt. Col. Com. bank - "X" List.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	TX 2002	Field J CO.	A I F	No	School - NE Technical
Major	5x 1468	Donald AWH 2/c	✓	Yes	
	TX 2012	Kempster J G Cayland	✓	No	Det. 7 Aus Div (Temp)
	TX 2013	Head of	✓	Yes	
Capt	TX 2014	Boucher M B H 8M	✓	✓	
	8x 6026	Falwood K H Cayland	✓	No	School - Cayland Technical
	TX 2017	Swan R G	✓	✓	Det 7 Aus Div (Temp)
	8x 6040	Wilkes R G	✓	✓	7 Aus Adm Course
Lieut.	TX 2018	Goey B H Coy 2/c	✓	Yes	
	TX 2019	Heason H S 2/c	✓	✓	
	TX 703	Burtis O H Coy 2/c	✓	✓	
	8x 3817	Kirk B S	✓	✓	
	8x 3704	Kilmore B S 2/c	✓	No	School - Fitzroy Whing
	TX 882	Hault R G 2/c	✓	Yes	
	TX 334	Murray A M L 2/c	✓	No	School - Fitzroy Whing
	VX 9548	Kinnick S A S T.O.	✓	✓	School - Regt Officers
	8x 6097	Douglas J A 2/c	✓	✓	Det. 18 bde HQ.
	TX 2070	Richter S A	✓	Yes	
	8x 3635	Bray S A	✓	✓	
	TX 2082	Elphinstone B S	✓	✓	
	8x 6234	Steady B S	✓	✓	
	TX 2105	Raid R H (MO)	✓	✓	
	TX 850	Boaker S A	✓	✓	
	8x 3502	Blake S A	✓	✓	
	8x 2021	Lowest I. O.	✓	No	7 Aus Adm Course
	8x 12735	Giffiths B S 2/c	✓	Yes	
	8x 2047	Russell M H (COM)	✓	✓	
	8x 2026	Hosking S A	✓	✓	
	TX 6031	Hart B A S	✓	✓	
	TX 6040	Skinner S A	✓	✓	
	TX 704	Green S A	✓	✓	
	8x 2101	Theroux M H	✓	✓	
	8x 1518	Lagan T. I.	✓	No	18 A I TB.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Captain	VX 46890	Blake	A I F	24.5.01	Parent

2/12 Aust Inf Bde 297.  
(Unit.)

7-12-41  
(Date of Despatch.)

M. W. Arnold  
(Signature of Commander.)

18 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)





# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit)*

*B-12-41*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
Majors ...	<i>3</i>		
Captains ...	<i>4</i>		<i>5</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>25</i>	<i>6</i>	
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Quartermasters ...			
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Lt Col	1x 2002	Field J. C.O.	A. I. F.	No.	School - M.E. Tactical
Major	5x 1468	Arnold R.H. 21/c	✓	Yes	
	1x 2012	Kempster R.H. Ceylon	✓	No	Det 7 Aust Div (Camp)
	1x 2013	Leard G.F.	✓	Yes	
Capt	1x 2014	Bentley M.W. 9M	✓	✓	
	8x 2026	Gatewood R.H. Ceylon	✓	No	School - Ceylonas Tactical
	1x 2017	Swain R.G.	✓	No	Det 7 Aust Div (Camp)
	8x 6040	Butcher A.G.	✓	Yes	
Lieut	1x 2018	Gray G.H. Coy 21/c	✓	✓	
	1x 2019	Geason V.B. 11Mand	✓	✓	
	1x 703	Kurtis D.H. Coy 21/c	✓	✓	
	8x 3817	Kirk G.H.	✓	✓	
	8x 3704	Gilmore J.G. 11Mand	✓	No	School - M.E. Training
	1x 882	Haupt G.H. A/Adj	✓	Yes	
	1x 334	Murray A.H. 11Mand	✓	✓	
	1x 9548	Trinick J.H. TO.	✓	No	School - Regt officers
	8x 6097	Douglas G.A. 11Mand	✓	No	Det 18 Aust Div (Camp HQ)
	8x 2070	Sixty G.H.	✓	Yes	
	8x 3635	Boag J.F.	✓	✓	
	1x 2082	Wright G.H. 11Mand	✓	✓	
	8x 6234	Meddy G.H.	✓	✓	
	1x 2105	Ward G.H. (M.C.)	✓	✓	
	1x 850	Becker G.H.	✓	✓	
	8x 3502	Blanche G.H.	✓	No	Det - Div Ski Coy.
	8x 2021	Groves G.H. I.O.	✓	Yes	
	8x 12735	Griffiths G.H. 11Mand	✓	✓	
	8x 2047	Russell G.H. (DCM)	✓	✓	
	8x 2026	Hookings G.H.	✓	✓	
	1x 6031	Hart G.H.	✓	No	M.E. Sig School
	1x 6040	Skinner G.H.	✓	Yes	
	1x 704	Green G.H.	✓	✓	
	8x 2101	Therwin G.H.	✓	✓	
	8x 1518	Logan T.T.	✓	No	18 A I T B.

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Captain	1x 46890	Blake G.	A I F	24.5.41	cadre

2/12 18 Aust Div (Unit.)

14-12-41 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
18 Aust Div (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)





## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/12 Aust Infantry (Unit)*

*13/12/41*

### PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
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2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

### PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Mackinnon</i>	<i>A I F</i>	<i>18/2/41</i>	<i>from 18 A I T B - 'X' list.</i>

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**  
**(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	TX 2002	Field J. 60.	A I F.	No	At Tactical School
Major	5x 1468	Arnold A.W. 2/c	✓	Yes	
✓	TX 2012	Kempster J. Coyland	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2013	Geard G.	✓	✓	
Capt	TX 2014	Boucher M.W. 3/c	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 2026	Halgood K.A. Coyland	✓	No	Boy Comd School
✓	TX 2017	Swan R. G.	✓	Yes	
✓	Bx 6040	Bulter P.	✓	✓	
Lieut.	TX 2029	Mackinnon D. P/Comd	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2018	Gray B.H. Coy 2/c	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2019	Keason W. P/Comd	✓	✓	
✓	TX 703	Parsons O.A. Coy 2/c	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 3817	Kirk G.	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 3704	Edmore J.B. P/Comd	✓	No	P.I. Mrs Wingham
✓	TX 882	Harst T.K. A/Adj.	✓	Yes	
✓	TX 334	Murray A.M. P/Comd	✓	✓	
✓	VX 9548	Trimmick J.A. T.O.	✓	No	Regt Offs School
✓	Bx 6097	Douglas J.A. P/Comd	✓	✓	Det 18 Aust Inf Bde
✓	TX 2070	Pishey G.	✓	Yes	
✓	Bx 3635	Gray J.	✓	✓	
✓	TX 2082	Elphinstone B.B.	✓	No	Pack Tr School
✓	Bx 6234	Meddie C.B.	✓	Yes	
✓	TX 2105	Leid A.L. (MC)	✓	✓	
✓	TX 850	Bocher J.	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 3502	Clarke W.	✓	No	Div Ski School
✓	Bx 2021	Evans G. 1.O.	✓	Yes	
✓	Bx 12735	Griffiths B.B. P/Comd	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 2047	Russell N.H. (Com)	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 2026	Hosking G.W.	✓	✓	
✓	TX 6031	Ward G.A.	✓	No	At Leg School
✓	TX 6040	Skinner G.	✓	Yes	
✓	TX 704	Gray P.L.	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 2101	Herwin N.H.	✓	✓	
✓	Bx 1518	Logan T.H.	✓	No	18 A.I.T.B.

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Captain	VX 46890	Blake D.	A I F	24/3/41	Adm
✓	TX 6014	Smith R. G.	✓	18/2/41	Attached to Unit
✓	Bx 15242	Pawne M.E.	✓	✓	Regt Bn
✓	Bx 17703	Macfarlane W.B.	✓	✓	✓
✓	Bx 9580	Bennedy P.A.	✓	✓	✓
✓	Bx 19346	Rea D.H.	✓	✓	✓

2/12/41 and 3/1/41  
(Unit.)

21-12-41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
18 Aust Inf Bde 704  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



2/12 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ... ..								1	1					4			4		8	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).								1	1					4			4		8	

2/12 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21-12-44

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Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	4		5
Lieutenants ...	26	7	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut Col	T2 2002	Field J C.D.	A I F	Yes	
Major	S2 1465	Arnold A.S.W. 2/c		-	
✓	T2 2012	Thompson R.G. Coy Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	T2 2013	Grant C.S.	✓	✓	
Captain	T2 2014	Boucher, M.L.W. B.M.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 6026	Galegood K.D. Coy Comdr	✓	NO	M.E. Tactical School
✓	T2 2017	Swain, R.C.	✓	Yes	
✓	DL 6041	Butcher A.C.	✓	✓	
Lieutenant	T2 2029	Max Kinnon, D.L. Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	T2 2018	Jury G.H. Coy 2/c	✓	✓	
✓	T2 2019	Geason H.J. Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	T2 703	Curtis P.A. Coy 2/c	✓	✓	
✓	DL 3817	Hink, C.S.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 3704	Gibson J.C.S. Pl Comdr	✓	NO	Pl. Weapons Wing
✓	T2 882	Haupt F.R. Adjt.	✓	Yes	
✓	T2 334	Murray, Arnold Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	DL 9548	Jones, J.A.S. T.D.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 6097	Douglas J.A. Pl Comdr	✓	NO	Act 1st Lt of Bde
✓	T2 2070	Predley S.E.	✓	Yes	
✓	DL 3635	Craig J.S.	✓	✓	
✓	T2 2082	Elphinstone C.B.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 6234	Steady E.M.	✓	✓	
✓	T2 2105	Ridd A.H. (M.C.)	✓	✓	
✓	T2 850	Cooper S.R.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 3507	Clarke D.S.	✓	NO	7 Div Sta Coy
✓	DL 2021	Groves C. T.D.	✓	Yes	
✓	DL 12735	Griffiths S.C. Pl Comdr	✓	✓	
✓	DL 2047	Russell, M.H. (D.M.)	✓	✓	
✓	DL 2026	Hastings, C.W.	✓	✓	
✓	T2 6031	Hart, C.A.S.	✓	NO	M.E. Sig School
✓	T2 6048	Shannon R.L.	✓	✓	MOB Course 3rd Works Wing
✓	T2 704	Green P.L.	✓	Yes	
✓	DL 2101	Shearman, H.S.D.	✓	NO	Special Liaison Officer Course
✓	DL 1518	Logan T.T.	✓	✓	18 A I T B

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Captain	V2 46890	Blake D.	18 Bde H Q	24.5.41	Padre
Lieut	T2 6014	Smith L.S.	A I F	18.12.41	attached for Regimental Duties
✓	DL 1542	Powers M.E.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 17703	Macfarlane W.B.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 9500	Connolly P.D.	✓	✓	
✓	DL 19346	Rice D.H.	✓	✓	

1/12 Aust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
28. 12. 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

John Field Lt Col  
(Signature of Commander.)  
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